SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

LACEY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES REGULAR BOARD MEETING
October 20, 2026

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. STATEMENT OF ADEQUATE NOTICE

Adequate notice of this meeting was advertised in the Asbury Park Press online on January 9, 2026 and January 15, 2026, and by posting the notice in the Forked River and Lanoka Harbor Post Offices, and by filing a copy of the notice with the Lacey Township Clerk, as requested by the Open Public Meeting Act.

4. ROLL CALL

5. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Be It Resolved, that an executive session be convened for the purpose of discussing:

- Confidential Student Matters - Including, but not limited to Harassment Intimidation & Bullying
- Confidential Personnel Matters
- Confidential Legal Matters - Including, but not limited to the current caseload

The subject matter of these discussions will be disclosed to the public when the reason for confidentiality subsides. The length of the executive session is estimated to be approximately sixty (60) minutes after which the Board shall reconvene and proceed with business at 7:00 pm. Action may be taken.

Motion to enter executive session.
Motion by Mr. Gouin, seconded by Dr. Forney. All were in favor.
The Board entered executive session at 6:03 p.m.

Move to adjourn executive session.
Motion by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Gouin . All were in favor.
Executive session adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

6. RESUME MEETING - 7:00PM - REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Mrs. Klaus resumed the meeting and turned it over to Dr. Brewer.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Brewer updated the Board on the following:

- Dr. Brewer introduced Mr. King to present the October seniors of the Month.
- Mr. King introduced Madeline Sullivan and Luke Miller as the seniors of the month.

Landon Cline gave an update to the Board on the following:

- Landon announced the freshman officers, who are continuing to plan for trunk-or-treating. Sophomores are working on fundraising ideas, including a possible Dunkin' Donuts fundraiser, and will participate in trunk-or-treating. Juniors discussed Powderpuff, scheduled for November 12th at 6:00 p.m. at the football field, with a $5 admission fee benefiting the junior class. They are also selling Chick-fil-A in the den, partnering with Sunflower Florist for a homecoming fundraiser, and hosting Cuphead Coffee for Food Truck Friday. Seniors have completed cap and gown orders, will take their class photo on October 23rd, and are planning a spring raffle, senior trip, prom, and final fundraiser. The Executive Board thanked over 20 volunteers for helping at Back-to-School Night and discussed classroom presentations about school clubs and activities. All grades are assisting with homecoming preparations, with paperwork emailed October 1st and all fines required to be paid before ticket sales. Spirit Week will also include a $10 staff donation benefiting the Susan G. Komen Foundation. Homecoming dance setup is October 23rd, and the dance will take place October 24th from 6:00–9:00 p.m. in the gym.

Madeline Sullivan introduced Eileen Cruzas:

- October's unsung hero is Eileen Cruz.

Dr. Brewer gave our HIB Assessment Report.

- The Lacey Township School District received an overall HIB assessment score of 73 out of 78. Individual school scores were, Lacey High School 74, Middle School 74, Cedar Creek 73, Lanoka Harbor 73, Forked River 73, and Mill Pond 72. This self-assessment allows us to reflect the district's efforts in bullying prevention, staff training, and maintaining a safe, supportive learning environment. The full report will be available on the district website for public review.

Mr. Zylinski gave the Student Achievement Report:

- Mr. Zylinski introduced Mrs. Amos, Mrs. Molloy and Dr. Krakovsky to present the annual Student Achievement Report.
- The district reported strong student achievement and academic growth across grade levels, outperforming county and state averages in several areas.
- Elementary school: K–2 students exceeded national NWEA MAP norms in ELA and Math, with strong growth across all grades. First grade showed exceptional ELA growth.
- Middle school: Grades 6–8 demonstrated strong results, including sixth-grade math outperforming county and state averages and eighth-grade math improving by 8 percentage points.
- High school: Strong results included NJGPA passing rates above county and state averages in ELA (80%) and Math (62%).
- AP performance: 69% of students earned a score of 3 or higher, with AP Seminar and AP Spanish achieving 100% passing rates.
- Graduation rate: 95.2%, exceeding the state average of 91.8%.
- SAT scores: The district average was 1093, above both state and national averages.

- College Academy: 38 students earned associate degrees before graduating high school, bringing the program's total to 245 graduates.
- Career pathways: Students pursued a variety of options, including four-year colleges, two-year colleges, vocational training, military service, and employment.
- Special education: Students participating in Dynamic Learning Maps demonstrated progress toward individualized learning goals.
- The district also highlighted instructional improvements, including targeted small-group instruction, individualized learning, data-driven teaching, and additional academic support.
- Overall conclusion: The presentation demonstrated significant academic growth, strong high school outcomes, and continued progress toward preparing students for success in college, careers, and beyond. District leaders credited teachers, administrators, students, parents, and the community for these achievements.
- Mrs. Opitz asked a question, If we compare all the elementary schools individually? Mrs. Opitz asked if there is a big variance between the schools? Mrs. Zylinski answered stating they have it lumped together for this presentation and that there is not a big gap.
- Mrs. Klaus stated that she has been on the Board since 2021 and she has never seen scores like this. She thanked everyone involved.

Mr. Sramaty gave an update on the ongoing Referendum work.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

The following residents of Lacey Township addressed the Board:

Mr. Risoli

Ms. Watson

Mrs. Mindas

Mr. Bidnick

Mr. Toner

Mr. Ryan

Ms. Meyer

Ms. Miller

For additional details, see video link here: School Board 10-20-2026

8. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Curriculum Committee:

The Curriculum Committee of the Lacey Township Board of Education met on October 6, 2026 beginning at 4:00 pm, at the Lacey Township Board Office.

In attendance were board members, Sal Armato and Dr. Meg Forney, Dr. Jeffrey Brewer, Superintendent, William Zylinski, Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Mallory Krakovsky and Margaret Molloy, District Supervisors.

The committee reviewed several important district updates related to curriculum, special education, technology, personnel, and board operations. Mr. Zylinski provided an overview of the T.R.U.S.T. Program for the 2026–2027 school year, including a review of the previous year's participation and the number of seniors who graduated as a result of the program. The committee also reviewed the QSAC District Performance Review, which will be submitted to the state following Board approval, previewed the October Student Achievement Presentation, and discussed attendance corrective action plans for each school building. Additionally, the district will begin developing the preschool operational plan and projected enrollment for the 2027–2028 school year. In special education, Dr. Brewer reviewed policies related to the New Jersey Department of Education's corrective action plan following its recent review. The committee also received an update regarding the national Frontline data breach, with further information to be provided as it becomes available. Personnel discussions included plans to post a permanent Business Administrator/Board Secretary position and its salary range, while the LTEA contract ratification vote is expected within the next few weeks. Other updates included a due process hearing, the introduction of a new board document management program beginning in January, a planned midyear Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying (HIB) self-assessment presentation at an upcoming Board meeting, and ongoing efforts to communicate with state legislators regarding changes to the school funding formula anticipated over the next eighteen months. The meeting adjourned at 5:15 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 10, 2026 at 4:00 pm.

Policy Committee:

The Policy Committee of the Lacey Township Board of Education met on October 7, 2026 beginning at 1:00 pm, at the Lacey Township Board Office.

In attendance were board members, Brandon Hurley, Kim Klaus, Kerry Opitz, Dr. Jeff Brewer, Superintendent, and Joseph Sramaty, Assistant to the Business Administrator.

The committee discussed and reviewed several policies and regulations, including Conduct of Board Meeting; Administrative Employment Contracts; Substitute Wages; Special Education, New Jersey Quality Single Accountability Continuum (QSAC); Budget Transfers; Financial Reports; and Use of School Facilities. These policies and regulations were reviewed for various purposes, including potential software upgrades, meeting formats, approvals, administrative per diem rates, compliance with New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) requirements, and preparation for QSAC.

An updated format for presenting new business on the Board agenda was shared to improve efficiency. The committee also discussed methods for distributing the agenda to Board of Education members. An update regarding potential ratification of the LTEA agreement was shared with the committee. Additionally, the committee discussed various methods of communicating with New Jersey state legislators to advocate for increased financial support on behalf of the district. Finally, the committee discussed the upcoming posting for a full-time Business Administrator/Board Secretary position, including the anticipated salary range.
The meeting adjourned at 2:00 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 11, 2026 at 1:00 pm.

Finance & Operations Committee:

The Finance and Operations Committee of the Lacey Township Board of Education met on October 5, 2026 beginning at 1:00 pm, at the Lacey Township Board Office.

In attendance were board members, Steve Gouin, Kim Klaus, Brandon Hurley.
Dr. Jeff Brewer, Superintendent, William Zylinski, Assistant Superintendent, Connie Stewart, Interim Business Administrator, and Joseph Sramaty, Assistant to the Business Administrator.

The Finance & Operations Committee discussed the referendum projects and presented a PowerPoint presentation that will be presented at the October 20th Board of Education meeting. Dr. Brewer provided updates regarding student matters and informed the Committee about the NJDOE CAP Special Education Review and the District's Special Education Corrective Action Plan, including policies P 2460 - Special Education, N.J.A.C. 6A:14 - Special Education, R 2460.1 - Special Education - Location, Identification and Referral, and R 2460.8 - Special Education - Free and Appropriate Public Education. Dr. Brewer also informed the Committee that the District is revisiting the possibility of selling the land behind Mill Pond and Lanoka Schools. He provided an update on the LTEA, noting that the association is holding meetings regarding the contract settlement and that the topic will be discussed in Executive Session at the Board meeting. Mr. Srmaty provided the Committee with an update on the Nawkaw case and Dr. Brewer provided an update on the Due Process Hearing. Mr. Sramaty also updated the Committee on the formatting of the Committee Reports and informed members of the changes from Diligent/BoardDocs. Mr. Zylinski shared the Districts QSAC Self-Assessment with the Committee. Dr. Brewer discussed plans for the District to apply for Financial Certification in the future fiscal years. Finally, Dr. Brewer informed the Committee of the District's intent to post and seek a candidate for the upcoming Business Administrator/Board Secretary position and discussed the anticipated salary range. The meeting adjourned at 2:14pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 4, 2026.

9. SUPERINTENDENT COMMENT

Dr. Brewer:

- District performance: Acknowledged that improvement is always possible and praised the dedication of teachers, support staff, administrators, students, and parents.

- Community appreciation: Thanked the community for supporting and investing in local students and education.
- Board recognition: Thanked board members for their volunteer service, time, leadership, questions, and continued oversight.
- Student recognition: congratulated students Maddie and Luke on their accomplishments and praised Marley for advocating for herself and promoting girls' flag football.
- State advocacy: Discussed proposed bills S4118 and A4860, known as the Pinelands/Highlands Fairness bills, seeking fair financial compensation for communities that provide protected Green Acres land to the state.
- Community involvement: Shared plans to provide residents with a link to the state forum and continue working with other affected school districts to advocate for funding fairness.
- Board engagement: Invited Danny to continue discussions and share ideas and concerns with district leadership.

10. BOARD MEMBER COMMENT

Mr. Hurley:

- Congratulations to the Unsung Heroes and seniors on the month of their accomplishments.
- Praised the district's improved academic results compared to the previous year.
- Thanked administration for sharing finance forum dates and providing opportunities to ask budget questions.
- Raised concerns about special education funding and its impact on the district budget.
- Congratulated Marley for advocating for girls' flag football.
- Emphasized that board members actively research, ask tough questions, and hold administration accountable through meetings and committee discussions.

Mr. Armato:

- Absent

Mr. Bell:

- Appreciated the younger board members for bringing new perspectives and knowledge.
- Praised the improved test scores and thanked teachers, administrators, and parents for supporting student success.
- Recognized Mrs. Amos, Mrs. Molloy and Dr. Krakovsky for their curriculum expertise and dedication.

Mrs. Opitz:

- Praised Marley for her impressive presentation and public speaking skills.
- Encouraged Mrs. Meyer to continue emailing board members and keeping them informed, even though they may be unable to respond directly.

Dr. Forney:

- School safety: Expressed condolences to the victims and families affected by the recent school shooting in Oregon and reaffirmed the district's commitment to student and staff safety.
- Hiring transparency: Raised concerns about the lack of transparency and communication during administrative hiring searches, particularly the Board Secretary and Superintendent position.
- Ethics legal fees: Voiced frustration over ongoing legal expenses related to board member ethics disputes, emphasizing that taxpayer funds should be directed toward students and schools.
- Board professionalism: Called for greater transparency, accountability, mutual respect, and professionalism among board members.

- Teacher contract: Thanked the negotiation team and LTEA for reaching a new contract agreement that provides fair compensation while recognizing teachers' dedication and contributions to improved student achievement.

Mr. Gouin:

- Thanked and commended the teachers' contract negotiation team for their hard work and reaching an agreement after lengthy negotiations.
- Praised the district's academic improvements and recognized former Acting Superintendent Mr. Zylinski's leadership and contributions to those results.
- Thanked Mr. Zylinski for his service and acknowledged that Dr. Brewer has big shoes to fill.

Mrs. Klaus:

- Mrs. Klaus thanked Mr. Zylinski for everything.
- Thanked the curriculum committee and board members for their work negotiating the teachers' contract.
- Acknowledged the lengthy 18-month negotiation process and expressed readiness to vote on the agreement.
- Announced the drama club's production of The Outsiders, November 19–22, and encouraged the community to support the arts.

For additional details, see video link here: School Board Meeting 10-20-26

RESOLUTIONS

11. FINANCE & OPERATIONS

A. MEETING MINUTES (A1)

MOTION: Move that the Board approve the Minutes from the following meetings:

- Regular Meeting and appropriate attachments held on September 15, 2026
- Executive Session held on September 15, 2026

B. LIST OF BILLS (A2)

MOTION: Move that the Board approve payment of bills for October 2026 totaling $**4,502,262.43**.

Fund 10	General Current Expense	$4,115,157.07
Fund 20	Special Revenue Fund	278,468.36
Fund 30	Capital Projects Fund	108,637.00
	TOTAL	**$4,502,262.43**

C. BOARD SECRETARY'S MONTHLY CERTIFICATION

I certify that as of July 31, 2026, August 31, 2026, and September 30, 2026 no line item account has encumbrances and expenditures, which in total exceed the line item appropriation in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10 (c) 3.

D. PAYROLL CERTIFICATION

The School Business Administrator/Board Secretary reports, in compliance with N.J.S.A. 18A:19-1b, has certified the September 2026 payroll in the amount of $961,789.64.

E. APPROVAL OF THE TRANSFER REPORT (A3)

MOTION: Move that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the attached List of Transfers and Monthly Transfer Report for the month of **July 2026, August 2026, and September 2026**.

F. BOARD SECRETARY AND CASH REPORT (A4)

MOTION: Move that the Report of the Secretary to the Board of Education and the Report of the Treasurer of School Monies for **July 2026, August 2026, and September 2026**, which are in agreement, be accepted as submitted and attached to and made part of the minutes of this meeting. Further move that the Lacey Township School District Board of Education, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c)4, certify that as of **July 31, 2026, August 31, 2026, and September 30, 2026,** after review of the Board Secretary's monthly financial reports (appropriations section) and Treasurer's Report, and upon consultation with appropriate district officials, to the best of our knowledge no major account or fund has been over-expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(a)1 and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

G. FY2027 TEACH STEM CLASSES IN NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS GRANT

MOTION: Move that the Board approve and ratify the acceptance of the FY2027 Teach STEM Classes in Nonpublic Schools Grant as approved by the NJ Department of Education in the amount of $5,690.31.

Name	Location	Grant Amount
Cheryl Schlagenhaft	New Jersey United Christian Academy	$5,690.31

H. SALE OR DISPOSAL OF ASSETS

MOTION: WHEREAS, the Lacey Township School District Board of Education deems the property listed below to be surplus property which is no longer useful for school purposes; and

WHEREAS, the value of said property is estimated to be as enumerated below,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lacey Township School District Board of Education authorize the Business Administrator to offer the property for sale to other public entities without advertisement for bids in accordance with 18A:18A-45c-f.

Location	Description	Model/Serial #	Qty	Est. Value	Operable
Board Office	Martin Yale Auto Folder	N/A	1	0.00	N
	Projector Screen	N/A	1	0.00	N
HS Kitchen	Food Transport Carts	N/A	2	0.00	N
	Buffalo Chopper	Hobart	1	$3,000.00	Y

I. USE OF FACILITIES

MOTION: Move that the Board approve the following Use of Facilities:

Location	Organization	ID	Date(s)	Day(s)	Time	Fee
HS	Girl Scout Troop 50215 Meetings	2879992	11/13/26-5/21/2026	F	6:00pm-7:00pm	N
	Jersey Shore Youth Tournament	2861341	2/21/27	Sun	6:00am-5:00pm	Y
	Scott Stevens Wrestling Tournament	2861327	2/7/27	Sun	6:00am-5:30pm	Y
	Setup Scott Stevens	2861328	2/6/27	Sat	1:00pm-5:00pm	N
	The Dance Centre Nutcracker	2871939	12/12/26	Sat	9:00am-3:30pm	Y
	Dancer Inc Staff Training	2881649	1/2/27	Sat	9:00am-5:00pm	Y
	Trademark Dance Showcase	2862476	2/5/27	Fri	2:00pm-10:30pm	Y
	McLean Advisory Group	2885567	10/27/26 - 11/4/26	T,W	6:00pm-7:30pm	Y
	General Booster Meeting	2885260	11/4/26-6/2/27	W	6:30pm-8:30pm	N
	Lacey Youth Wrestling Practice	2885228	11/10/26-2/23/27	Tue, Thu	5:15pm-8:15pm	N
	Lacey Youth Wrestling Practice	2885231	1/4/27-1/29/27	M,T,W, Thu,F	5:30pm-8:30pm	N
	Lacey Youth Wrestling Practice	2885234	2/1/27-2/26/27	M,T,W, Thu	5:30pm-8:30pm	N
FRS	Lacey Lions Basketball Practice	2871881	10/22/26-11/30/26	M,Thu,F	6:00pm-9:00pm	N
LHS	Lacey Lions Basketball Practice	2871883	10/21/26-11/18/26	W	6:00pm-9:00pm	N
MP	Softball Practice	2874315	12/3/26-3/25/27	Thu	6:00pm-8:00pm	N
	Cub Scout Meetings	2888400	12/9/2026	W	6:15pm-8:00pm	N
	Cub Scout Meetings	2888399	11/11/2026	W	6:15pm-8:00pm	N
	Cub Scout Meetings	2888397	11/4/2026	W	6:15pm-8:00pm	N
MS	Pride Elite Competitive Cheer Showcase	2882990	12/19/26	Sat	2:00pm-4:00pm	Y
	Annual Christmas Party-Filipino-American Community & Dev't Center of OC	2874601	12/5/26	Sat	6:30pm-10:30pm	Y

*Custodial, facility, and/or food service fees may apply.

J. RESOLUTION CONSENTING TO THE ASSIGNMENT OF COUNSEL IN THE SCHOOL ETHICS COMMISSION MATTER BIDNICK v. KLAUS, DOCKET NUMBER C103-26

WHEREAS, Board President Kim Klaus has been named a Respondent in the matter entitled Bidnick v. Klaus, before the School Ethics Commission, Docket Number C103-26; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:12-20, Klaus is entitled to a defense and indemnification from the Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, the Board has procured insurance through New Jersey Schools Insurance Group to defend and indemnify these matters; and

WHEREAS, that policy of insurance provides that the insured can select counsel of its choice; and

WHEREAS, Christopher R. Supsie, Esq. of Stein, Supsie & Tedeschi has been appointed in related matters involving the same parties, SEC Docket Number C37-26 and SEC Docket Number C90-26; and

WHEREAS, the insured wishes that Christopher R. Supsie, Esq. of Stein, Supsie & Tedeschi be appointed in this matter; and

WHEREAS, the hourly rate of counsel shall not exceed $165.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lacey Township Board of Education hereby consents to the NJSIG assignment of Christopher R. Supsie, Esq., to represent Kimberly Klaus in the above-referenced matter (Docket Number C103-26), at a rate of $165 per hour.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such Lacey Township Board of Education officials, agents, and professionals are authorized to execute any necessary documents and take such action as needed to effectuate the terms of this resolution.

K. 2026-2027 OUT-OF DISTRICT PLACEMENT - MCKINNEY-VENTO ACT

MOTION: Move that the board accept the following Out-of-District tuition for the 2026-2027 school year as determined by the McKinney-Vento Act:

Location	Student ID	Effective	Tuition	Total
Toms River Regional School District	8735376714	9/8/26-6/30/27	$15,607.00	$15,607.00
	1012936994		$16,459.00	$16,459.00
Lakewood School District	4047615719	9/2/26-6/30/27	$19,617.00	$19,617.00
	8400943004		$15,607.00	$15,607.00
Central Regional School District	5323177078	10/1/26-6/30/27	$25,723.00	$25,723.00
Berkeley Township School District	2129539085	10/1/26-6/30/27	$25,723.00	$25,723.00
Vineland School District	2292589128	9/10/26-6/17/27	$16,542.24	$16,542.24
			TOTAL	**$135,278.24**

L. 2026-2027 OUT-OF DISTRICT PLACEMENT - MCKINNEY-VENTO ACT

MOTION: Move that the board approve the following Out-of-District tuition for the 2026-2027 school year as determined by the McKinney-Vento Act:

Location	Student ID	Effective	Tuition	Total
Egg Harbor School District	3769447001	9/1/26-6/30/27	$19,198.00	$19,198.00
Barnegat Township School District	8182580174	9/4/26-6/30/27	$17,000.00	$17,000.00
			TOTAL	**$36,198.00**

M. 2026-2027 OUT-OF-DISTRICT PLACEMENTS

MOTION: Move that the Board approve the following out-of-district placements for the 2026-2027 school year:

Location	Student ID	Tuition (ea.)	Aide (ea.)	Total
Y.A.L.E School	97177375877	$74,701.80	$56,700.00	**$131,401.80**

N. OUT-OF-DISTRICT TUITION - 2026 EXTENDED SCHOOL YEAR

MOTION: Move that the Board approve the Out-of-District Tuition for the 2026 Extended School Year as follows:

Location	Student ID	Tuition	Aide(s)	Total
Ranch Hope School	3375054909	$15,572.40	N/A	**$15,572.40**

O. PARTICIPATION IN NJSIAA FOR THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR

MOTION: The Board of Education of the Lacey Township School District, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, as provided for in Chapter 172 Laws 1979 (N.J.S.A. 18A:11-3, et. seq) herewith enrolls the Lacey Township High School as a member of the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association to participate in the approved interschool athletic program sponsored by the NJSIAA. This resolution is to continue in effect until or unless rescinded by the Board of Education and shall be included among those policies adopted annually by the Board. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:11-3 in adopting this resolution, the Board of Education adopts as its own policy and agrees to be governed by the Constitution Bylaws and Rules and Regulations of the NJSIAA.

P. EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDS EDUCATION ACT (ESEA) CONSOLIDATED GRANT-FINAL REPORT

MOTION: Move that the Board approve the submission of the Lacey Township School District's Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) 2025-2026 Grant Final Expenditure Report and further approve the submission of an amendment to the Lacey Township School District's Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) 2026-2027 Grant to apply carry-over funds in accordance with the New Jersey Department of Education deadlines.

Q. IDEA GRANT - BASIC AND PRESCHOOL - FINAL REPORT

MOTION: Move that the Board approve the submission of the Lacey Township School District's IDEA 2025-2026 Grant Final Expenditure Report and further approve the submission of an amendment to the Lacey Township School District's IDEA 2026-2027 Grant to apply carry-over funds in accordance with the New Jersey Department of Education deadlines.

R. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT/SERVICES

MOTION: Move that the Board approve the purchase of the following Professional Development/ Services for the 2026-2027 School Year:

Vendor	Description	Account Number	Amount
Magnolia (Linkit!)	Tier 1 Elementary Coaching	Title Funding	$40,200.00
Magnolia (Linkit!)	LTMS Coaching	Title Funding	$53,250.00
Innovomat Education	PD & Educational Services	Title Funding	$40,300.00

S. SCHEDULE BF - BUS FLEET (A5)

MOTION: Move that the Board approve the Bus Fleet in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-6.11, as per the attached Schedule BF.

T. SCHEDULE MV - MAINTENANCE VEHICLES (A6)

MOTION: Move that the Board approve the Maintenance Vehicles in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-6.11, as per the attached Schedule MV.

U. SCHEDULE SV - SUPPORT STAFF VEHICLES (A7)

MOTION: Move that the Board approve the Support Staff Vehicles in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-6.11, as per the attached Schedule SV.

V. BUS FLEET ASSIGNMENT

MOTION: Move that the Board approve the assignment of all bus drivers, substitute bus drivers, mechanics, Transportation Coordinator, and the Transportation Dispatchers to Schedule BF per N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-6.12.

W. SUPPORT STAFF AND MAINTENANCE VEHICLE ASSIGNMENT

MOTION: Move that the Board authorize the assignment of all mechanics and the following personnel to Schedule SV and Schedule MV per N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-6.12:

Greig Amerman	Joseph Dillon	Keith Marion	Constance Stewart
Richard Bentley	Thomas Forrest	John Sabarese	Nicci Todaro
James Brannick	John Goodheart	Paul Schlagenhaft*	Thomas Tumminelli
Jeffrey Brewer	Daphne Girdly	John Smith*	Walter Urteil
Thomas Conger	Joseph Hummel	Joseph Sramaty	Jamie Walls
			William Zylinski

*24/7 Vehicle Use

X. HEALTH AND SAFETY EVALUATION OF BUILDINGS STATEMENT OF ASSURANCE

MOTION: Move that the Board approve submission of the 2026-2027 Health and Safety Evaluation of School Buildings Checklist Statement of Assurance.

Y. PEA OPERATIONAL PLAN

MOTION: Move that the Board approve the 2027-2028 PEA Operational Plan.

Z. SUBMISSION OF 2026-2027 COMPREHENSIVE MAINTENANCE PLAN AND FORM M-1

MOTION: WHEREAS, the Department of Education requires New Jersey School Districts to submit a three-year Comprehensive Maintenance Plan and Form M-1 documenting the "required" maintenance activities for each of its public school facilities, and

WHEREAS, the required maintenance activities as listed in the documents prepared for the various school facilities of the Lacey Township School District are consistent with these requirements, and

WHEREAS, all past and planned activities are reasonable to keep school facilities open and safe for use or in their original condition and to keep their system warranties valid,

THEREFORE, be it resolved, that the Lacey Township School District Board of Education hereby authorizes the School Business Administrator to submit the 2026-2027 Comprehensive Maintenance Plan and Form M-1 for the Lacey Township School District in compliance with the Department of Education requirements.

AA. QSAC DISTRICT PERFORMANCE REPORT (DPR)

MOTION: Move that the Board approve the 2026-2027 QSAC District Performance Report (DPR).

BB. DISTRICT AND BOARD OF EDUCATION GOALS

MOTION: Move that the Board adopt the following 2026-2027 District and Board of Education goals:

- **Student Achievement Goals: Objective**
  - **NJTSS Framework -** Enhance the understanding and development through New Jersey Tiered Systems of Support with the implementation of research-based, comprehensive strategies and curriculum that integrates diverse experiences, promotes critical thinking, and supports differentiated instruction.
- **Professional Development Goal: Objective**
  - Teachers will engage in meaningful and appropriate professional learning experiences aligned with the needs of the students, the school and the district.
- **Community Outreach Goal: Objective**
  - District personnel will engage in meaningful and appropriate community outreach events and activities.
- **Board Goals: Objectives**
  - The Board of Education will increase Board communication and input into proposed new, revised and abolished policies.
  - The Board of Education will maintain current Board certification.
  - The Board of Education will foster strong relationships and build trust with our community. They will actively engage stakeholders through participation in local events, creating an environment of open communication and shared purpose.

CC. LAW ENFORCEMENT UNITS FOR THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF LACEY TOWNSHIP - 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR

MOTION: WHEREAS, the Safety and Security of the students, staff and visitors of the Lacey Township School District is a primary concern; and

WHEREAS, the staff and faculty of the Lacey Township School District Administration must communicate certain information to law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, the Lacey Township Board of Education must comply with the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act ("FERPA"); and

WHEREAS, to comply with FERPA while working with law enforcement, and in accordance with Section 2.4 of the Uniform State Memorandum of Agreement Between Education and Law Enforcement Officials, the Superintendent of Schools established a Law Enforcement Unit within the District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Lacey Township Board of Education confirms the revised Law Enforcement Unit list, consisting of the following members for the 2026-2027 school year:

- Superintendent of Schools - Jeffrey Brewer, Ed.D.
- Assistant Superintendent - William Zylinski
- Business Administrator/Board Secretary - Constance Stewart
- Supervisor of Technology/Law Enforcement Liaison - Jason England
- Lacey Township High School Principal - Jason King
- Lacey Township Middle School Principal - Gregory Brandis
- Lanoka Harbor Elementary School - Theresa Kilmurray

- Forked River Elementary School - Eric Fiedler
- Cedar Creek Elementary School - Brian Chesley
- Mill Pond Elementary - Joan Donohue

DD. OPENING OF OCEANFIRST BANK ACCOUNT

MOTION: Move that the Board approve opening an Scholarship Account ending in 1816 at OceanFirst Bank effective October 20, 2026.

EE. RATIFICATION OF MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT - LTEA (A8)

MOTION: Move that the Lacey Township School District Board of Education ratify the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) by and between the Board and the Lacey Township Education Association (LTEA) dated August 24, 2026 covering the period from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2028. This MOA has already been ratified by LTEA membership.

FF. RESOLUTION URGING RELIEF FROM RISING PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEE HEALTH-CARE COSTS

MOTION: WHEREAS, At a time of continued fiscal uncertainty and mounting challenges, local boards of education from across the state of New Jersey continue to suffer under the growing crisis posed by the rising cost of health benefits and are desperate for relief; and

WHEREAS, Despite record levels of state investments in public education, these school districts are facing fiscal pressures similar to those confronting the state budget, including the unsustainable growth in health-care premiums and the mounting insolvency of the state's public employees health benefits programs; and

WHEREAS, Both within the School Employees' Health Benefits Program (SEHBP) and the private market, year-over-year double-digit increases are placing tremendous strain on district budgets and local taxpayers alike; and

WHEREAS, Governor Sherrill and legislative leadership have publicly acknowledged the urgent need to address rising health-care costs and the challenges facing the state's health benefits plans, including both the state and local portions of the State Health Benefits Program and the SEHBP; and

WHEREAS, The seriousness of this issue is underscored by the mid-year SEHBP analysis released by the Treasury Department in March 2026, which concluded that "based on these projected losses and building in future trends, active premium rate increases for 2027 are likely to be in the double digits;" and

WHEREAS, These projected increases would follow the 31.9 percent premium increase that took effect in January 2026, further exacerbating an overall premium increase of nearly 74 percent in the preceding five years; and

WHEREAS, This growth in health-care costs far exceeds inflation, state aid increases and the fiscal capacity of local communities; and

WHEREAS, Rising health-care premiums are consuming an ever-larger portion of already constrained school district budgets, forcing difficult decisions that directly affect students, staff and educational quality; and

WHEREAS, These cost pressures also have significant consequences for taxpayers, as districts are often compelled to utilize the full extent of their available tax levy, even after which many districts remain unable to fully offset these increases due to the constraints of the property tax levy cap, despite the limited health-care exception; and

WHEREAS, For the families and students these districts serve, the downstream consequences - including district deficits, program cuts and school closures - mean the loss of community stability, continuity of services, and in many cases, access to the specialized supports that our most vulnerable students depend on; and

WHEREAS, These are also precisely the conditions that erode student achievement and weaken the family engagement that is central to strengthening New Jersey's public schools; and

WHEREAS, Implementing real, sustainable solutions to the rising cost of health benefits and reforming how benefits are delivered through the SEHBP would demonstrate the Governor's and Legislature's leadership and continued commitment to New Jersey's students, educators and families, which directly advances our shared goal of affordability and effective, efficient government for all New Jerseyans.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lacey Township Board of Education in the county of Ocean calls upon the Governor and State Legislature to provide immediate, short-term relief from the unsustainable increased health-care costs experienced by school districts in recent years; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Lacey Township Board of Education in the county of Ocean urges the Governor to engage in meaningful engagement with all affected stakeholders to develop and implement practical long-term reforms to the state's system of delivering health care to its public employees in order to generate meaningful, long-term savings; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Mikie Sherrill, State Treasurer Aaron Binder, Senate President Nicholas Scutari, Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin, State Senator Carmen F. Amato, Jr., Assemblyman Gregory E. Myhre, Assemblyman Brian E. Rumpf and the New Jersey School Boards Association.

Move that the Board approve the following Finance & Operations:

Motion by Mr. Hurley, seconded by Mr. Bell. Roll call vote as follows:

Mrs. Opitz - aye

Mr. Hurley - aye

Dr. Forney - aye

Mr. Armato - absent

Mr. Bell - aye

Mr. Gouin - aye, abstain I

Mrs. Klaus - aye, abstain J

12. POLICIES AND REGULATIONS

A. MOTION: Move that the Board approve the second reading and adoption of the following Policies and Regulations:

P 1110	Organizational Chart	Revised	(B1)
P 8561	Procurement Procedures for School Nutrition Programs (M)	Revised	(B2)
R 9320	Cooperation with Law Enforcement Agencies (M)	Revised	(B3)

Move that the Board approve the following Policies and Regulations:
Motion by Mr. Hurley, seconded by Mr. Bell. Roll call vote as follows:
Mrs. Opitz - aye
Mr. Hurley - aye
Dr. Forney - aye
Mr. Armato - absent
Mr. Bell - aye
Mr. Gouin - aye
Mrs. Klaus - aye

13. HARASSMENT, INTIMIDATION, AND BULLYING (HIB)

A. **2025-2026 SCHOOL SELF-ASSESSMENT FOR DETERMINING GRADES UNDER THE ANTI-BULLYING BILL OF RIGHTS ACT**

MOTION: Move that the Board approve the 2025-2026 School Self-Assessment for Determining Grades under the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act for each school in the district.

B. **HARASSMENT, INTIMIDATION & BULLYING**

MOTION: Move that the Board approve the HIB incident reports, as per Policy 5512 - Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying, as presented by the Superintendent during private session.

Move that the Board approve the following Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying:
Motion by Mr. Bell, seconded by Dr. Forney. Roll call vote as follows:
Mrs. Opitz - aye
Mr. Hurley - aye
Dr. Forney - aye
Mr. Armato - absent
Mr. Bell - aye
Mr. Gouin - aye
Mrs. Klaus - aye

14. DONATIONS

A. MOTION: Move that the Board approve and accept the following generous donation(s):

SCHOOL	FROM	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
CCS	Mr. & Mrs. Fitts	Children's books	$150
	Village Lutheran Church	Assorted school supplies	$150
FRS	Village Lutheran Church	Assorted school supplies	$125
	Community Christian Church	Assorted school supplies	$300
	Gabrielle Spano	Assorted school supplies	$75
	Spring Oak at Forked River	Assorted school supplies	$100
	Vetwork	Backpacks & supplies	$400
	Mr. & Mrs. Kagabines	Children's books	$40
	Mr. & Mrs. Pearce	Children's books	$90
	Mr. Schoeneberg & Ms. Pullen	Children's books	$150
	FRS PTA	Staff calendars, Staff breakfast, Brag Tags, Lunch wagons	$1,359
LHS	Village Lutheran Church	Assorted school supplies	$150
LTHS	ADE Heating & Cooling, Inc.	Monetary donation for Lacey Performing Arts Booster Assoc.	$1,000
	Brewster Marine, LLC	Monetary donation for Lacey Performing Arts Booster Assoc.	$250
	Village Lutheran Church	Assorted school supplies	$100
	Carol Shaffer	Clothing for Community Closet	$50
	Kim Luciano	Telescope for MH class	$150
	Ken Martin	Clothing for Community Closet	$100
	Deborah Grondin	Art supplies for art classes	$50
	Jenn Morgan Pielhau	Clothing for Community Closet	$100
	Woman's Club of Lacey	Monetary donation for refrigerator for STEPS program	$700
	Alpha's Landscape	Sugar pumpkins for STEPS program	$50
LTMS	Village Lutheran Church	Assorted school supplies	$100
MPS	Village Lutheran Church	Assorted school supplies	$250
	Nancy Donohue	Assorted school supplies	$3,500
		TOTAL	**$9,489**

Move that the Board approve the following Donations:

Motion by Mr. Gouin, seconded by Mr. Hurley. Roll call vote as follows:

Mrs. Opitz - aye

Mr. Hurley - aye

Dr. Forney - aye

Mr. Armato - absent

Mr. Bell - aye

Mr. Gouin - aye

Mrs. Klaus - aye

15. PROGRAMS AND CURRICULUM

A. STUDENT TEACHER PLACEMENTS, OBSERVATIONS, PRACTICUMS, FIELDWORK AND INTERNSHIPS

MOTION: Move that the Board approve the following Student Teacher Placements, Observations, Practicums, Fieldwork and Internships:

Fairleigh Dickinson University			
Emma Matthews	Observation	Ashlie Bergman/Erin Maffucci - FRS	Spring 2027
Drexel University			
Charlotte Daseking	Observation	Amanda Riker/Dawn Seaman - LTMS	Fall 2026
Montclair State University			
Katie Baker	Clinical I & Clinical II	Christy Cottrell - LHS	Fall 2026 & Spring 2027
Stockton University			
Julia Kovacs	Internship (120hrs)	Kara Mattsson - LTHS	Spring 2027

Move that the Board approve the following Programs and Curriculum:
Motion by Mr. Hurley, seconded by Mr. Bell. Roll call vote as follows:
Mrs. Opitz - aye
Mr. Hurley - aye
Dr. Forney - aye
Mr. Armato - absent
Mr. Bell - aye
Mr. Gouin - aye
Mrs. Klaus - aye

16. PROFESSIONAL DAYS/WORKSHOPS/TRAVEL

A. MOTION: Move that the Board approve the Professional Days/Workshops/Travel for the following:

NAME	SCHOOL	DATE	DESCRIPTION	SUB	COST
Cristin Conigliaro	LHS	10/13/2026	Strauss Esmay HIB Training - OCC	N	165.00
Edward Subokow	LTHS	10/14/2026	NJPSA Fall Conference - Atlantic City	N	250.00
				TOTAL	**$315.00**

Move that the Board approve the following Professional Days/Workshops/Travel.:
Motion by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Hurley. Roll call vote as follows:
Mrs. Opitz - aye
Mr. Hurley - aye
Dr. Forney - aye
Mr. Armato - absent
Mr. Bell - aye
Mr. Gouin - aye
Mrs. Klaus - aye

17. PERSONNEL

A. RESIGNATIONS

MOTION: Move that the Board approve the following resignations:

NAME	POSITION/SCHOOL	EFFECTIVE
Heather Locarro	P/T Transportation Aide/Transportation	11/10/26
Susan Rowe	P/T Paraprofessional/MPS	10/31/26
Samantha Velez	P/T Paraprofessional/MPS	09/17/26

B. RESCIND APPOINTMENT

MOTION: Move that the Board approve to rescind the following appointments:

NAME	POSITION/SCHOOL	EFFECTIVE
Danni Bodzak	P/T Paraprofessional/LTMS	09/01/26
Donna Hopkins	P/T Paraprofessional/LHS	09/01/26

C. AMEND TERMINATION DATE

MOTION: Move that the Board approve an amendment of the termination date for the following personnel:

NAME	POSITION/SCHOOL	EFFECTIVE
Cara McGrath	P/T Paraprofessional	09/12/26

D. NEW POSITION

MOTION: Move that the Board approve the following employment of new personnel:

NAME	POSITION/SCHOOL	SALARY	EFFECTIVE
Heather Charowsky	P/T Interventionist (.8)/MPS	Step 1, MA $53,600 (prorated)***	10/16/26-06/30/27
Nicole Fornal	P/T Interventionist (.8)/MPS	Step 1, MA $53,600 (prorated)***	11/02/26-06/30/27
Jeffrey Gardner	P/T Paraprofessional (5.75 hrs/day)/FRS	$20.99/hour NTE annually $21,966 (prorated)*	11/02/26-06/30/27
Jennifer Metzler-O'Rourke	P/T Interventionist (.8)/MPS	Step 1, BA $48,000 (prorated)***	11/02/26-06/30/27
Julie Thompson*	P/T Paraprofessional (5.75 hrs/day)/MPS	$20.99/hour NTE annually $21,966 + $500 toileting stipend (prorated)*	11/02/26-06/30/27
Dana Tretola	P/T Interventionist (.8)/LHS	Step 1, MA $53,600 (prorated)***	11/02/26-06/30/27
Jessica Vogel*	P/T Paraprofessional 5.75 hrs/day)/FRS	$20.99/hour NTE annually $21,966 + $4,500 Behavior Technician Stipend (prorated)*	11/02/26-06/30/27

***Pending Criminal History Review**
****Pending Contract Negotiations**
*****Funded by Title grant**

E. REPLACEMENT POSITION

MOTION: Move that the Board approve the following replacement personnel for employment:

NAME	POSITION/SCHOOL	REPLACING	SALARY	EFFECTIVE
Heather Bernstein*	P/T Paraprofessional (5.75 hrs/day)/MPS	S. Velez	$20.99/hour NTE annually $21,966 stipend (prorated)*	11/02/26-06/30/27
Laura Blum	P/T Food Service Worker (3.5/hrs/day)/LTHS	E. Sica	$17.00 per hour/NTE annually $10,829 (prorated)	10/01/26-06/30/27
Danielle Caputo*	P/T Paraprofessional (5.75 hrs/day)/LHS	B. Woods (LR)	$20.99/hour NTE annually $21,966 + $500 toileting stipend (prorated)**	11/02/26-06/30/27
Megan Conrad*	P/T Food Service Worker (3.5/hrs/day)/LTHS	E. Grimes	$17.00 per hour/NTE annually $10,829 (prorated)	10/01/26-06/30/27
Heidi Culbertson*	P/T Paraprofessional (5.75 hrs/day)/LTHS	D. Beltran	$20.99/hour NTE annually $21,966 (prorated)**	11/02/26-06/30/27
Kaitlyn Field*	P/T Paraprofessional (5.75 hrs/day)/CCS	A. Lopez	$20.99/hour NTE annually $21,966 + $500 toileting stipend (prorated)**	11/02/26-06/30/27
James McCaffrey	P/T Cook (5.75 hrs/day)/MPS	J. Szafranski	$18.00 per hour/NTE annually $18,837 (prorated)	10/01/26-06/30/27
Joyce Smith*	P/T Cook (4 hrs/day)/CCS	C. Holmes	$18.00 per hour/NTE annually $13,104 (prorated)	10/01/26-06/30/27

LONG TERM SUBSTITUTE

NAME	POSITION/SCHOOL	REPLACING	SALARY	EFFECTIVE
Anne Vreeland*	LTS Special Education Teacher/LTMS	J. Holzbar	Step A, BA $60,000 (prorated)**	10/16/26-01/29/27

***Pending Criminal History Review**
****Pending Contract Negotiations**

F. TRANSFER

MOTION: Move that the Board approve the following staff transfers:

NAME	POSITION	LOCATION	LOCATION	EFFECTIVE
Taylor Pulizzano	P/T Paraprofessional	LTMS	MPS	09/28/2026

G. CHANGE IN SALARY

MOTION: Move that the Board approve the following personnel change in salary:

NAME	POSITION/SCHOOL	FROM PAY*	TO PAY	EFFECTIVE
Melissa Casillo	P/T Paraprofessional (5.75 hrs/day)/MPS	$20.99/hour NTE annually $21,966 + $500 toileting stipend*	$20.99/hour NTE annually $21,966 + $500 toileting stipend + $800 college credits*	09/01/26

Robert Dezendorf	Custodian/MPS	Step D, $46,392 + $1,439 Black Seal + $863 shift differential	Step D, $46,392 + $1,439 Black Seal + $719 shift differential	09/08/26
David Easterling	Custodian/LHS	Step B, $48,454 + $1,439 Black Seal + $1,082 shift differential	Step B, $48,454 + $1,439 Black Seal + $1,006 shift differential	10/01/26
Siobhan Feeney	P/T Food Service Worker (4 hrs/day)/MPS	$11,208 (prorated)	$12,809 (prorated)	10/16/26
Nicole Gabriele	P/T Paraprofessional (5.75 hrs/day)/CCS	$20.99/hour NTE annually $21,966 + $500 toileting stipend*	$20.99/hour NTE annually $21,966 + $500 toileting stipend + $400 college credits*	09/01/26
Michelle Giummarra	P/T Health Office Clerical Assistant	$20.99/hour NTE annually $21,966*	$20.99/hour NTE annually $21,966 + $1,000 college credits*	09/08/26
Eric LaPelusa	Custodian/LHS	Step U, $52,271 + $3,150 longevity + $1,439 Black Seal + $1,009 CEUs	Step U, $52,271 + $3,150 longevity + $1,439 Black Seal + $1,009 CEU + $145 shift differential	10/01/26
Lorie Linico	P/T Food Service Worker (4 hrs/day)/MPS	$11,432 (prorated)	$13,065 (prorated)	10/16/26
Tyler Luce	Custodian/MPS	Step G, $47,630 + $1,439 Black Seal + $500 longevity	Step G, $47,630 + $1,439 Black Seal + $500 longevity + $1,152 shift differential	09/08/26
Anna McGuire	Custodian/MPS	Step M, $48,889 + $1,439 Black Seal + $2,400 longevity + $70 shift differential	Step M, $48,889 + $1,439 Black Seal + $2,400 longevity	09/08/26
Christy Miick	P/T Paraprofessional (5.75 hrs/day)/LHS	$20.99/hour NTE annually $21,966 + $500 toileting stipend*	$20.99/hour NTE annually $21,966 + $500 toileting stipend + $1,000 college credits*	09/01/26
Margaret Molloy	District Supervisor	$126,787.50	$129,287.50	11/01/26
Matthew Parks	Custodian/MPS	Step R, $49,858 + $1,439 Black Seal + $3,150 longevity + $1,006 shift differential	Step R, $49,858 + $1,439 Black Seal + $3,150 longevity + $1,152 shift differential	09/08/26
Ariana Rios	P/T Paraprofessional (5.75 hrs/day)/FRS	$20.99/hour NTE annually $21,966*	$20.99/hour NTE annually $21,966 + $400 college credits*	

***Pending Contract Negotiations**

H. APPROVAL OF TOILETING STIPEND FOR SUPPORT STAFF

MOTION: Move that the Board approve the following toileting stipend for a paraprofessional in the amount of $500:

NAME	LOCATION	EFFECTIVE
Samantha Fisher	MPS	09/01/26
Shannon McGee	MPS	09/01/26
Jennifer Minor	MPS	09/01/26
Lisa Ruding	MPS	09/01/26

***Funded by Preschool Expansion Aid**

I. ADVANCED DEGREE

MOTION: Move that the Board congratulate the following employees and recognize their advanced degree:

NAME	FROM	TO	EFFECTIVE
Sally DiPaola	Bachelors + 20	Masters	11/01/26

J. CEU CREDITS

MOTION: Move that the Board acknowledge the following staff member for obtaining CEU credits:

NAME	POSITION/SCHOOL	CREDITS
Beth Subokow	Teacher/LHS	5 CEU Credits

K. CO-CURRICULOR/ADVISOR STIPEND

MOTION: Move that the Board approve the following co-curricular/advisor stipends for the 2026-2027 school year pending the commencement and completion of the related programs.

NAME	POSITION/SCHOOL HIGH SCHOOL	STIPEND
Caroline Bandelli	Freshman Class Advisor	$1,810
Brittany Fontenelli	Data/Instructional Coach*	$4,500
Bridgette Laramee	Color Guard	$4,171
Erin Papalia	Data/Instructional Coach*	$4,500
Renee Weekly	Unified Club Advisor****	$1,448
Alexandra York	Data/Instructional Coach*	$4,500
	Total	**$20,929**

NAME	POSITION/SCHOOL MIDDLE SCHOOL	STIPEND
Siobhan Barker	Data/Instructional Coach*	$4,500
Susan Donato-Schreier	Unified Club Advisor****	$1,448
Melissa Paz	Data/Instructional Coach*	$4,500
Elizabeth Schappert	Data/Instructional Coach*	$4,500
	Total	**$14,948**

NAME	POSITION/SCHOOL		STIPEND
	CEDAR CREEK SCHOOL		
Jennifer Boedigheimer	Data/Instructional Coach**		$4,500
Erinn Byers	Elementary Instructional Technology Coach***		$4,500
Charlene DiDonato	Data/Instructional Coach**		$4,500
Jessica Shaffer	Data/Instructional Coach**		$4,500
		Total	**$18,000**

NAME	POSITION/SCHOOL		STIPEND
	FORKED RIVER SCHOOL		
Stephanie Faille	Elementary Instructional Technology Coach***		$4,500
Lindsay Guide	Data/Instructional Coach*		$4,500
Erin Maffucci	Data/Instructional Coach*		$4,500
Lisa Mooney	Data/Instructional Coach*		$4,500
		Total	**$18,000**

NAME	POSITION/SCHOOL		STIPEND
	LANOKA HARBOR SCHOOL		
Sara Gorman	Data/Instructional Coach*		$4,500
Darlene Price	Elementary Instructional Technology Coach***		$4,500
Elizabeth Rieder	Data/Instructional Coach*		$4,500
Jacquelyn Supsie	Data/Instructional Coach*		$4,500
		Total	**$18,000**

NAME	POSITION/SCHOOL		STIPEND
	MILL POND SCHOOL		
Kristen Johnson	Data/Instructional Coach*		$4,500
Bethany Modrow	Data/Instructional Coach*		$4,500
Melissa Paz	Elementary Instructional Technology Coach***		$4,500
Sarah Silva	Data/Instructional Coach*		$4,500
		Total	**$18,000**
		Grand Total	**$107,877**

***Title I, **Title II, ***Title IV**

******Funded by Unified Champions School Grant/Account #11-401-100-100-08-0000**

L. BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS PROGRAM

MOTION: Move that the Board approve the following staff member to be the Big Brothers Big Sisters Liaison at the Middle School at a rate of $43.34/hour* not to exceed $866.80

NAME
Chase Garrett

***Funded by Big Brothers Big Sisters and Pending Contract Negotiations**

M. CO-CURRICULOR ATHLETIC STIPEND

MOTION: Move that the Board approve the following athletic stipends for the 2026-2027 school year pending the commencement and completion of the winter athletic season:

RECOMMENDATION	POSITION/SCHOOL	LEVEL	STIPEND**
Lance Samperi	Head Boys Basketball/LTMS	3	$5,071
Ryan O'Rourke	Assistant Boys Basketball/LTMS	1	$3,400
Susan Donato-Schreier	Head Girls Basketball/LTMS	3	$5,071
Courtney Mahon	Assistant Girls Basketball/LTMS	1	$3,400
Betsy Smith	Head Cheerleading/LTMS	3	$5,071
Watson Heilala	Head Wrestling/LTMS	3	$5,071
Michael Stuppiello	Assistant Wrestling/LTMS	1	$3,400
Sean McAndrew	Head Men's Basketball/LTHS	4	$8,797
Gennaro Balletta	Assistant Men's Basketball/LTHS	1	$5,201
Kyle Harms	Assistant Men's Basketball/LTHS	2	$5,529
Dawn Paget	Head Women's Basketball/LTHS	4	$8,797
Robert Cashin	Assistant Women's Basketball/LTHS	4	$6,185
Matthew Keifer	Head Men's Winter Track/LTHS	4	$7,935
Steven Geiger	Head Women's Winter Track/LTHS	4	$7,935
Robert Rigby	Assistant Men's/Women's Track/LTHS	3	$5,434
Steven Torre	Head Men's/Women's Bowling/LTHS	4	$7,935
Michael Pierce	Assistant Men's/Women's Bowling/LTHS	4	$5,801
John Labbate	Head Ice Hockey/LTHS	2	$8,140
Justin Bonitatis	Head Wrestling/LTHS	4	$8,797
Joseph Colon	Assistant Wrestling/LTHS	1	$5,201
Joseph Schmidt*	Assistant Wrestling/LTHS	1	$5,201
Brian Keelen	Head Men's/Women's Swimming/LTHS	4	$8,797
Daisy Ferraiuolo	Assistant Men's/Women's Swimming/LTHS	4	$6,185
Allison McMullen	Head Winter Cheer/LTHS	4	$6,185
Lauren Pennec	Assistant Winter Cheer/LTHS	3	$4,348
		TOTAL	**$152,887**

***Pending Criminal History Review**
****Pending Contract Negotiations**

N. CO-CURRICULAR VOLUNTEER

MOTION: Move that the Board approve the following co-curricular volunteer for the 2026-2027 school year:

NAME	POSITION/SCHOOL	ADVISOR
Kyle Harms	Weight Room - Winter	Robert Brewster

O. ATHLETIC VOLUNTEER

MOTION: Move that the Board approve the following athletic volunteers for the 2026-2027 school year:

VOLUNTEER	POSITION/SCHOOL	HEAD COACH
Monica Brignola	Women's Basketball/LTHS	Dawn Paget

Mackenzie Hart	Women's Basketball/LTHS	Dawn Paget
Christopher Sharpe*	Ice Hockey/LTHS	John Labbate

***Pending Criminal History Review and Certification**

P. COUNSELING STIPEND

MOTION: Move that the Board approve the following high school school counselors for career, college, and social and emotional learning counseling:

NAME	POSITION	STIPEND
Christine Ayers	College Counseling*	$4,500
Kelly Brown	Social and Emotional Learning Counseling*	$4,500
Nicole Cruz	Career Counseling*	$2,250
Danielle Fioretti	Career Counseling*	$2,250
Carly Londrigan	Career Counseling*	$4,500
	TOTAL	**$18,000**

***Title IV funded**

Q. DEPARTMENTALIZATION STIPEND

MOTION: Move that the Board approve the following 2026-2027 departmentalization stipend for professional personnel in the amount of $4,500:

NAME	LOCATION
Evonne Pitts	LTHS

R. TRUST PROGRAM

MOTION: Move that the Board approve the following staff as needed for the TRUST program at the High School not to exceed the total budgeted amount of $70,000. Funded by the Lacey Township Opioid Grant Fund.

NAME	POSITION	HOURS	HOURLY RATE
Joseph Bond, Gregory Brandis, Aimee Del Vento, Michele England, Melissa Franzosi, Jason King, Edward Subokow	Administrator	Not to Exceed 4 hours/week	$75.00/hour
Maria Boland, Joseph Colon, Chase Garrett, Jonathan Haythorn, April Orlando, Erin Papalia, Danielle Sloan, Jennifer Sullivan	Teacher	Not to Exceed 4 hours/week	$43.34/hour*
Christine Ayers, Nicole Cruz, Danielle Fioretti	School Counselor	Not to Exceed 4 hours/week	$54.00/hour

***Pending Contract Negotiations**

S. STRETCH PROGRAM

MOTION: Move that the Board approve the following teachers as needed for the STRETCH program at a rate of $43.34 per hour* not to exceed the total budgeted amount of $10,000.00, Account #11-421-100-101-108:

NAME		
Matthew Baratta	Maurice Grillon	Evonne Pitts
Jennifer Connelly	Kyle Harms	Steven Torre

Patricia DiSabato	Jennifer Kett	Erik Tramontana
John Fischer	Lisa Kuzan	

***Pending Contract Negotiations**

T. LEAVE OF ABSENCE

MOTION: Move that the Board approve the following leaves of absence:

SWP = Sick Days With Pay
PD = Personal Days With Pay
FMLA = Family Medical Leave Act - No Pay, with Benefits
NJFLA = NJ Family Leave Act - No Pay, with Benefits
DLB = Discretionary, Extended or Other Leave - No Pay, with Benefits
DL = Discretionary, Extended or Other Leave - No Pay, No Benefits
ML = Military Leave With Pay
MLB = Military Leave No Pay, with Benefits

NAME	POSITION	SWP	PD	FMLA	NJFLA	DLB	DL	ML	MLB
Erin Brendel	Teacher/LTHS	10/05/26 - 11/16/26		11/17/26 - 02/15/27	11/17/26 - 02/15/27				
Pamela Ciallella	P/T Cook/LTMS	10/06/26 - 10/20/26			10/21/26 - 11/23/26				
Brian Fisher	Teacher/LTMS							09/11/26; 09/21/26 - 09/30/26; 10/20/26 - 10/25/26	
Tyler Luce	Custodian/MPS			10/19/26 - 01/10/27	10/19/26 - 01/10/27				
Robert Meyer	P/T Security Aide (Greeter)						12/01/26 - 12/15/26		
Joyce Moravec	P/T Paraprofessional/FRS	09/25/26 - 10/09/26			10/13/26 - 01/03/27				
Nadya Servilio (extended)	Teacher/MPS					11/09/26 - 01/03/27			
Daniel White	Teacher/LTMS							09/11/26	
Linda Whitford	P/T Paraprofessional/MPS						10/01/26 - 10/13/26		
Brianna Woods (revised)	P/T Paraprofessional/LHS	09/08/26 - 09/22/26			09/23/26 - 01/03/27				

U. RE-EMPLOYMENT OF SUBSTITUTE PERSONNEL (C1)

MOTION: Move that the Board approve the re-employment of substitute personnel for the 2026-2027 school year.

V. EMPLOYMENT OF SUBSTITUTE PERSONNEL

MOTION: Move that the Board approve the employment of the following substitute professional personnel for the 2026-2027 school year:

NAME	POSITION(S)
Danni Bodzak	Paraprofessional
Donna Hopkins	Paraprofessional, Duty Aide, Security Aide (Greeter)
Robert Krupinski	Bus Driver
Andrea Murphy	Teacher
Dylan Rinyak	Teacher
John Sramaty	Security Aide (Greeter)
Michael Zaleski	Teacher

Move that the Board approve the following Personal.:
Motion by Mr. Hurley, seconded by Mr. Bell. Roll call vote as follows:
Mrs. Opitz - aye
Mr. Hurley - aye
Dr. Forney - aye
Mr. Armato - absent
Mr. Bell - aye
Mr. Gouin - aye
Mrs. Klaus - aye

18. EXECUTIVE SESSION, IF NEEDED

19. ADJOURNMENT

Dated this 20th Day of October 2026
Kimberly S. Klaus, President *Lacey Township Board of Education*

ADJOURNMENT
Move to adjourn the Regular Meeting.
Motion by Mr. Hurley, seconded by Mr. Gouin. All in favor.
The Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:47p.m
Respectfully submitted,

Constance L. Stewart
Interim Business Administrator/Board Secretary