

HOPATCONG BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

July 27, 2026

6:00 pm. Open the Meeting and enter Executive Session in the Administration Building: Room 21

Public Portion will begin at 7:00 p.m in the Board Meeting Room

2 Windsor Avenue, Hopatcong, NJ 07843

CALL TO ORDER

Time: 7:00 pm

1. **FLAG SALUTE**

2. **OPENING STATEMENT**

In accordance with Section 5 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, this public body, the Hopatcong Board of Education hereby announces that The New Jersey Herald and the Daily Record have been notified by email that this Board of Education Regular Meeting will take place at 7:00 p.m following the Executive Session (in room 21) which starts at 6:00 p.m. on July 27, 2026 at the Hopatcong Board of Education, Board meeting room in the Administration Building.

3. **ROLL CALL**

Present	Natalia Cappello	Absent	Kevin Daviau	Present	Veronica Schram
Present	James Chaffee, Jr.	Present	James Warin	Present	Jennifer Polowchena
Present	Jayson Cittrich	Present	Jayna Gulan	Present	Nicole Falconi-Shubert

4. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion will be made that the Hopatcong Board of Education will enter Executive Session in room 21 to discuss personnel and attorney/client privilege, which are exempt from public participation pursuant to New Jersey Public Law 1975, Chapter 231, Open Public Meetings Act. Any discussions held by the Board which need not remain confidential will be made public when appropriate. Minutes of the Executive Session will not be disclosed until the need for confidentiality no longer exists. The Board will reconvene in public session at 7:00 p.m. following the executive session.

Motion to enter executive session:

(ACTION) Motion by Polowchena. seconded by Gulan

Yes	Natalia Cappello	Absent	Kevin Daviau	Yes	Veronica Schram
Yes	James Chaffee, Jr.	Yes	James Warin	Yes	Jennifer Polowchena
Yes	Jayson Cittrich	Yes	Jayna Gulan	Yes	Nicole Falconi-Shubert

5. **RECONVENE**

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Motion to Reconvene

(ACTION) Motion by Polowchenaseconded byCappello

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Yes	James Chaffee, Jr.	Yes	James Warin	Yes	Jennifer Polowchena
Yes	Jayson Cittrich	Yes	Jayna Gulan	Yes	Nicole Falconi-Shubert

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the minutes of the following meetings, as reported by the Board Secretary reviewed by the Board President and members of the Board:

- June 22, 2026 - Regular Meeting
- June 22, 2026 - Executive Meeting

Motion to approve 6a-6b:

(ACTION) Motion by Polowchena. Seconded by Schram

Yes	Natalia Cappello	Absent	Kevin Daviau	Yes	Veronica Schram
Yes	James Chaffee, Jr.	Yes	James Warin	Yes	Jennifer Polowchena
Yes	Jayson Cittrich	Yes	Jayna Gulan	Yes	Nicole Falconi-Shubert

7. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT AND HIB REPORT

- Superintendent's Report – **Mr. Jeffrey Hallenbeck, Superintendent of Schools** *reports that we are approving HIBS for a second reading and we have been seeing a downtrend in HIBs across the district. Mr. Hallenbeck thanks the staff members working on these processes. High School roof replacement is 90% completed and Tulsa Trail is well underway – goal is for it to be completed late August before students return. Both roofs have a 25-year warrantee. HS gym floor sanding has started and we are on track for replacement of stadium lighting to be completed by the first game on 8/27/2026. We anticipate going out to bid for HS and Durban Ave. natural gas hookups next year.*
- A second reading and approval of the Superintendent's HIB report for May and June 2026 as presented to the Board at the June meeting on June 22, 2026.

Motion to approve 7a –7b:

(ACTION) Motion by Polowchena. Seconded by Gulan

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Yes	James Chaffee, Jr.	Yes	James Warin	Yes	Jennifer Polowchena
Yes	Jayson Cittrich	Yes	Jayna Gulan	Yes	Nicole Falconi-Shubert

8. **PARENT/TEACHER ORGANIZATION REPRESENTATIVES**

Mrs. Schram reported that "Girls on the Run" registration for grades 3 – 5 opened up and will be \$25 for Hopatcong residents. Beginning 9/14 they will meet Tuesday and Thursdays at Hopatcong High School from 3:00pm - 4:30pm and end on 11/15/2026 with a 5K event.

Mrs. Falconi-Shubert reported that Football, Cheer and Soccer Boosters are all gearing up for the Fall season. First Football game is 6:00pm on 8/27/2026. The Hudson Farms Hike is 9/17/2026 and is a fabulous fundraiser for the district.

9. **PUBLIC COMMENT – GENERAL DISCUSSION**

NONE

10. **FINANCE June 30, 2026**

Approval of the following Finance items, 10a.–10c, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools:

- a. It is recommended by the Superintendent that bills for the General Fund and Special Revenues (Grants) account, June 22, 2026, through June 30, 2026 be approved in the following amounts:

General Fund and Special Revenue (Grants) account -	\$146,724.66
Cafeteria account -	\$5,488.95
Fund 30 -	\$930,745.00

- b. Motion to approve the certification by the Board Secretary that the Account Balance Report, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:17-9, as of June 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:23-2.11(a).
- c. Motion to certify, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(c), as of June 30, 2026, after review of the Board Secretary's and Treasurer's Monthly Financial Reports and upon consultation with the 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:23-2.11(b), and sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

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11. **FINANCE July 27, 2026**

Approval of the following Finance items, 11a.–11i, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools:

- a. It is recommended by the Superintendent that bills for the General Fund and Special Revenues (Grants) account, July 1, 2026, through July 27, 2026 be approved in the following amounts:

General Fund and Special Revenue (Grants) account -	\$1,428,488.93
Cafeteria account -	\$32,957.63
Fund 30 -	\$12,800.00
Fund 40 -	\$108,330.00

- b. It is recommended by the Superintendent that the board approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of June 2026.
- c. It is recommended by the Superintendent that the board approve the Board Secretary's Report for the month of June 2026.
- d. It is recommended by the Superintendent that the board approve the Transfer Report for the month of June 2026.
- e. Motion to approve the certification by the Board Secretary that the Account Balance Report, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:17-9, as of July 27, 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:23-2.11(a).
- f. Motion to certify, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(c), as of July 27, 2026, after review of the Board Secretary's and Treasurer's Monthly Financial Reports and upon consultation with the 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:23-2.11(b), and sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.
- g. It is recommended by the Superintendent that the Hopatcong Board of Education approve the establishment of petty cash accounts for the following locations/amounts:
- High School - \$300
 - Middle School - \$150
 - Tulsa Trail - \$150
 - Durban Ave. - \$150
 - Superintendent Office - \$150
 - Business Office - \$150
- h. Approval of the educational placement agreement for student #15442 in the matter of Agency DKT No. 2026-40474 and EDS 02755-26.
- i. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board approves the following resolution authorizing Contracts with Approved State Contract Vendors for Boards of Education pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-10a effective July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027 School Year as follows:

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WHEREAS, the Hopatcong Board of Education, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-10a and N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.29 (c), may by resolution and without advertising for bids, purchase any goods or services under the State of New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Program for any State contracts entered into on behalf of the State by the Division of Purchase and Property in the Department of the Treasury; and

WHEREAS, the Hopatcong Board of Education, has the need on a timely basis to purchase goods or services utilizing State contracts; and
WHEREAS, the Hopatcong Board of Education, intends to enter into contracts with the Referenced State Contract vendors through this resolution and properly executed contracts, which shall be subject to all the conditions applicable to the current State contracts; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Hopatcong Board of Education School Business Administrator shall certify to the availability of sufficient funds prior to the expenditure of funds for such goods or services; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the duration of the contracts between the Hopatcong Board of Education and the Referenced State Contract Vendor shall be effective July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

- j. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board approves the following resolution authorizing Contracts with Approved County Contract Vendors for Boards of Education pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-10a effective July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027 School Year as follows:

WHEREAS, the Hopatcong Board of Education, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-10a and N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.29 (c), may by resolution and without advertising for bids, purchase any goods or services under the Sussex County Cooperative Purchasing Program for any County contracts entered into on behalf of the Sussex County Office of Purchasing; and

WHEREAS, the Hopatcong Board of Education, has the need on a timely basis to purchase goods or services utilizing County contracts; and

WHEREAS, the Hopatcong Board of Education, intends to enter into contracts with the Referenced County Contract vendors through this resolution and properly executed contracts, which shall be subject to all the conditions applicable to the current County contracts; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Hopatcong Board of Education School Business Administrator shall certify to the availability of sufficient funds prior to the expenditure of funds for such goods or services; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the duration of the contracts between the Hopatcong Board

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of Education and the Referenced County Contract Vendor shall be effective July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

12. PERSONNEL

Approval of the following personnel items, **12a – 12s**, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools and the Student Achievement Committee of the Board:

- a. Approval of the resignation of **Lindsay Karros** from her position as Part-Time Art Teacher effective June 30, 2026.
- b. Approval of the resignation of **Franchesis Vidal** from her position as Paraprofessional effective June 30, 2026.
- c. Approval of the resignation of **Wendy Padilla** from her position as Paraprofessional effective June 30, 2026.
- d. Approval of the employment of **Michael Strack** from his position as Part Time Custodian to Full Time Custodian at a prorated salary of \$47,515, minus \$400 for not having a black seal, which represents Step 2 of the 2026-2027 HEA Support Staff Contract effective August 1, 2026.
- e. Approval of the employment of **Noelle Thibault** as Full Time Maintenance Worker at a prorated salary of \$47,015, minus \$400 for not having a black seal, which represents Step 1 of the 2026-2024 HEA Support Staff Contract, effective August 3, 2026 and pending background clearance.
- f. Approval of the employment of **Kaia Reeves** as Part Time Custodian at a prorated salary of \$29,384, minus \$400 for not having a black seal, which represents Step 1 of the 2026-2024 HEA Support Staff Contract, effective August 3, 2026 and pending background clearance.
- g. Approval of the employment of **John Reese Claybrook** as High School Biology Teacher at a salary of \$85,990 (revised) which represents MA, step 7 of the 2026-2027 HEA salary guide, effective August 26, 2026.
- h. Approval of **Isabella Conte** as a Paraprofessional at Durban Ave School effective August 31, 2026 at a rate of \$17 an hour. Should toileting apply an additional \$1.00 an hour will be added to the hourly rate
- i. Approval of **Melanie Belford** as a Paraprofessional at Durban Ave School effective August 31, 2026 at a rate of \$17 an hour. Should toileting apply an additional \$1.00 an hour will be added to the hourly rate
- j. Approval of the renewal of **Hank Fattorusso** as Job Coach for the 2026-2027 school year.

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- k. Approval of the following **Paraprofessional Renewals** for the 2026-2027 school year:

Cara Acquavella
Mary Aufiero
Michelle Bastedo
Jamie Becker
Adrienne Bleibdrey
Raysa Bravo
Wanda Brown
Amitzelly Chiquito
Cecilia Collantes
Josephine Cuttone
Marynoel Daino
Kaitlyn Devine
Marinelza Duran
Stephanie Earl
Christine Egbert
Dawn Engle
Donna George
Julie Gesregan
Patricia George
Fabiola Gessner
Piper Giacomaro

Theresa Giordano
Nubia Komt Giraldo
Nicole Gricenko
Wanda Guardiola
Tracey Grochulski
Nicole Finland
Gretchen Hardman
Cheryl Hemmerich
Katherine Justiniano
Isabella Kestenholz
Diana Leon
Jessie Locasio
Donna Maffeo
Judith Maitland Glaucielle
Manco
Lynn Masterson
Svetlana Milanovic
Gail Moriarty
Kirk Mueller
Shelby Ochs

Katie Onipenco
Joanne Pagan
Elizabeth Petrock
Erika Ramos
Autumn Reeves
Margaret Riley
Elise Rooker
Dylan Silva
Connie Smith
Kara Sowell
Jessica Stillwell
Victoria Taesler
Melissa Vater
Robin Vaughan
Marilyn Volpe
Marge Wallace
Christine Wiemer
Leidy Yepes
Kimberly Zeier

- l. Approval of the following staff for the **Extra Duty/Extra Pay** Positions for the 2025 – 2026 school year:

Name	Nature of Action	Duty/Position	Salary
Leanne Julianno	Appoint	7th Grade Advisor	\$758

- m. Approval of the following staff for the **Extra Duty/Extra Pay** Positions for the 2026 – 2027 school year:

Name	Nature of Action	Duty/Position	Salary
Dominic Schiavone	Appoint	Events Manager	\$6,615
Lisa Osburn	Appoint	Durban Recess Duty (1 day/week)	\$285
Gabrielle Cardosa-Schnabel	Appoint	Durban Lunch Duty (1 day/week)	\$285
Melanie Ryder	Appoint	Durban Recess Duty (4 days/week)	\$1,140

- n. Approval of the following **Coach/Advisor** Positions for the 2026-2027 school year:

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Name	Nature of Action	Position	Class	Level	Salary
Pete Oesen	Resign	Head Cross Country Coach	A	4	\$7,712
Mark Certo	Assign	Athletics Special Projects	A	4	\$7,712
Mark Certo	Resign	Head Football Coach	A	4	\$7,712
John Reese Claybrook	Assign	Asst. Football Coach	B	1	\$3,187
Aiden Buckley	Assign	Volunteer Football Coach	-	-	-
Jason O'Brien	Assign	Volunteer Basketball Coach	-	-	-
Jamie Douglas	Assign	Head Cross Country Coach	A	4	\$7,712
Eric Fajerman	Assign	Head Wrestling Coach	A	4	\$7,712
Vincent Marinoni	Assign	Head Boys Basketball Coach	A	4	\$7,712
Mark Certo	Assign	Freshman Boys Basketball Coach	B	4	\$5,034
Jaime Douglas	Assign	Head Girls Basketball Coach	A	4	\$7,712
Christy Brennan	Assign	JV Basketball Girls Coach	B	3	\$4,388
Hank Fattorusso	Assign	Freshman Girls Basketball Coach	B	4	\$5,034
Mike Juskus	Assign	Bowling Coach	B	4	\$5,034
James McKowen	Assign	Winter E-Sports	B	4	\$5,034
Christina Gannon	Assign	Head Comp. Cheerleading Coach	B	4	\$5,034
Ryan Tatarka	Assign	Ice Hockey	-	-	Mt. Olive
Heather Delbagno	Assign	Head Tennis Coach Spring	B	4	\$5,034
Mike Juskus	Assign	Head Boys Track Coach	A	4	\$7,712
Austin Brown	Assign	Head Girls Track Coach	A	4	\$7,712
Christy Brennan	Assign	Assistant Track Coach	B	1	\$3,187
Angelo Lipuma	Assign	Assistant Track Coach	B	1	\$3,187
Paul Miller	Assign	Head Softball Coach	A	4	\$7,712
Craig Vallaro	Assign	Asst. Softball Coach	B	4	\$5,034
Heather Delbagno	Assign	Head Tennis Coach	B	4	\$5,034
Loren Turner	Assign	Head Golf Coach	B	4	\$5,034
Jim Valentine	Assign	Head Baseball Coach	A	4	\$7,712
James McKowen	Assign	Spring E-Sports	B	4	\$5,034
Barbara Parichuk	Assign	Assistant Marching Band	B	4	\$5,034

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		Director			
Austin Brown	Assign	Head Football Coach	A	1	\$4,868

- o. Approval the following people to work as **Athletic Event Staff Members** for 2026-2027 athletic events, to be paid at the Board Approved rate of pay per position:

1. Al Imbimbio
2. John Young
3. Joe Schubert
4. Mike Bird
5. Mike Juskus
6. Isabel Yarosz
7. Cassidy Takacs
8. Chase Lessig

- p. Approval of the following staff to take and receive **tuition reimbursements***, as per contract, upon successful completion of the course and submission of paperwork

Course Approval /Reimbursement Approval

Name	Course Title	Course Number	Credits	Cost
Chris Bove	Behavior Management	GED 604	3	1,536.12

****The maximum rate of reimbursement per credit for the 25-26 school year is \$512.04. The rate for 26-27 has not been calculated yet.***

- q. Approval of the following **2026 Extended School Year (ESY) Programs**:

NOTE: Programs and staffing recommendations are made in order to remain in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A: 14 (Special Education Code).

1. Approval of Independent Contractor **Linda Minervini** as a Reading Instructor at a rate of \$65/hr., not to exceed 9 hours.
 2. Approval of Independent Contractor **Tesneem Abouelamgd** to complete OT summer evaluations as needed at a rate of \$400/per evaluation.
- r. Approval of **Ava Albanese & Marcella Kowalski** to work with the High School Cheer Team as Camp Instructors on August 3 & August 4, 2025.
- s. Approval of **Marcelo Pizarro** to work with the High School Soccer Team as Soccer Trainer the week of August 10 & August 14, 2026.
- t. Approval for **Melissa Stein** to work up to a total of 5 additional days during the summer, at a per diem rate of 1/200th of her annual 25-26 salary, pending administration approval.

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13. POLICY & REGULATIONS

Approval of item 13a-13b as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools and the Student Achievement and Operations Committees of the Board:

- a. Approval of modifications and additions to the policies and regulations of the Hopatcong Board of Education in accordance with statutory and regulatory changes for approval, as revised, for **FIRST READING:**

Policy/Regulation #	Title
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P & R 5516	Student Use of Internet-Enabled Devices (M) (Revised)
P 8660	Transportation by Private Vehicles – To and From School-Related Activities (M) (Revised)
P 8662	Transportation by Private or District-Owned Vehicles – To and From School (M) (New)

- b. Approval of modifications and additions to the policies and regulations of the Hopatcong Board of Education in accordance with statutory and regulatory changes for approval, as revised, for **SECOND READING:**

Policy/Regulation #	Title
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P 1230	Superintendent's Duties (M) (Revised)
P 2200	Curriculum (M) (Revised)
P 2411	Career Education and Academic Counseling (M) (Revised)
P 5460	High School Graduation (M) (Revised)
P 5461	High School Diplomas (M) (New)
P 0162	Notice of Board Meetings (Revised)
P 0162.01	Legal Notices (M) (New)
P 1643	Family Leave (M) (Revised)
P 2260	Equity in School and Classroom Practices (M) (Revised)
P 5561	Use of Physical Restraint and Seclusion Techniques for Students with Disabilities (M) (Revised)
P 6112	Reimbursement of Federal and Other Grant Expenditures (M) (Revised)
R 6115.01	Federal Awards/Funds Internal Controls – Allowability of Costs (M) (Revised)
P 6115.02	Federal Awards/Funds Internal Controls – Mandatory Disclosures (M) (Revised)
P 6311	Contracts for Goods or Services Funded by Federal Grants (M) (Revised)
P 8561	Procurement Procedures for School Nutrition Programs (M) (Revised)

14. RESOLUTIONS

Approval of the following resolutions as per the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools.

- a. It is recommended by the Superintendent that the Board of Education approve that Hopatcong Schools voluntarily agrees to join the New Jersey State Interscholastic

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Athletic Association (NJSIAA), which is a non-profit association of public and nonpublic high schools in the State of New Jersey and is authorized to participate in the approved athletic activities sponsored by the NJSIAA. The Board of Education hereby adopts as its own policy and agrees to be governed by the Constitution, Bylaws, Rules and Regulations of the NJSIAA.

- b. It is recommended by the Superintendent that the Board of Education approve the application waiver for the Bilingual Process Data Submission.
- c. It is recommended by the Superintendent that the Board of Education approve the sidebar agreement with the HEA 26-27 Sidebar -01.
- d. It is recommended by the Superintendent that the Board of Education approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the Sussex County Community College for Fall 2026 and Spring 2027 Academic Year for Concurrent Enrollment Program
- e. It is recommended by the Superintendent that the Board of Education approve the corrected salary longevity for Employee #80468 previously approved as \$1,800 to \$2,200 for the 2026-2027 school year.

15. SUSSEX COUNTY REGIONAL COOPERATIVE

- a. The Superintendent and the Director of Transportation recommend the **approval of bills** for the Sussex County Regional Cooperative Operating account for June 23, 2026 through June 30, 2026 in the amount \$54,885.41 for Regular bills and \$4,578,828.40 for Contractor bills and the approval of Regular bills for July 1, 2026 through July 27, 2026 in the amount of \$9,514.44.
- b. The Superintendent and the Director of Transportation recommend the **approval** to list the following **vehicles for sale on GovDeals.com:**

<u>Vehicle #</u>	<u>Plate #</u>	<u>Year, Make, Model</u>	<u>Capacity</u>	<u>VIN #</u>
17	S2P421	2017 DODGE CARAVAN	7 PASSENGER	2C4RDGBG4HR606563
18	S2S272	2018 CHRYSLER PACIFICA	7 PASSENGER	2C4RC1AG7JR274805
20	S2X575	2019 DODGE CARAVAN	7 PASSENGER	2C4RDGBG8KR780398
122	F987S1	2016 THOMAS	24 PASSENGER	1GB3G3BG3F1105479
123	U311S1	2023 VANCON	24 PASSENGER	1HA6GUB76MN013329
124	T141S1	2021 CHEVY	29 PASSENGER	1HA6GUBG0KN010844

- c. The Superintendent and the Director of Transportation recommend the **approval of the Agreement with Faith 13 regarding** all Renewal Routes and Bidding through May 31, 2030.
- d.

- 1. The Superintendent and the Director of Transportation recommend the **acceptance** of student transportation **quotations for Special Education Extended School Year Routes** for the 2026-2027 Extended School Year as listed on Exhibit A.

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2. The Superintendent and the Director of Transportation recommend the **award** of student transportation **quotations for Special Education Extended School Year Routes** to the lowest, responsible and responsive bus contractor companies for the 2026-2027 Extended School Year as listed on Exhibit A.
3. The Superintendent and the Director of Transportation recommend the **approval of route contract addendums** for the 2026 Extended School Year Routes as listed on Exhibit A.
4. The Superintendent and the Director of Transportation recommend the **renewal of the 2025 Extended School Year Routes for the 2026 Extended School Year** at or below the State issued CPI increase of 3.58% or less as listed on Exhibit A.
5. The Superintendent and the Director of Transportation recommend the **award of bids submitted from the June 2, 2026 Bid #2026-2027-06** to the lowest, responsible and responsive bus contractor company for the 2026-2027 School Year as listed on Exhibit A.
6. Superintendent and the Director of **Transportation recommend the acceptance of bids submitted from the May 27, 2026 Bid #2026-2027-05** for the 2026-2027 Extended School Year as listed on Exhibit A.
7. The Superintendent and the Director of Transportation recommend the **award of bids submitted from the May 27, 2026 Bid #2026-2027-05** to the lowest, responsible and responsive bus contractor company for the 2026-2027 Extended School Year as listed on Exhibit A.
8. Superintendent and the Director of **Transportation recommend the acceptance of bids submitted from the June 16, 2026 Bid #2026-2027-08** for the 2026-2027 School Year as listed on Exhibit A.
9. The Superintendent and the Director of Transportation recommend the **award of bids submitted from the June 16, 2026 Bid #2026-2027-08** to the lowest, responsible and responsive bus contractor company for the 2026-2027 School Year as listed on Exhibit A.
10. The Superintendent and the Director of Transportation recommend the **rejection of bids submitted from the June 16, 2026 Bid #2026-2027-08** due to cost exceeding allowable amount, non-compliance or termination of the routes as listed on Exhibit A.
11. Superintendent and the Director of **Transportation recommend the acceptance of School Related Activity bids submitted from the July 7, 2026 Bid #2026-2027-01A** for the 2026-2027 School Year as listed on Exhibit A.

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12. The Superintendent and the Director of Transportation recommend the **award of School Related Activity bids submitted from the July 7, 2026 Bid #2026-2027-01A** to the lowest, responsible and responsive bus contractor company for the 2026-2027 School Year as listed on Exhibit A.
13. The Superintendent and the Director of Transportation recommend the **rejection of School Related Activity bids submitted from the July 7, 2026 Bid #2026-2027-01A** due to cost exceeding allowable amount, non-compliance or termination of the routes as listed on Exhibit A.
14. Superintendent and the Director of **Transportation recommend the acceptance of bids submitted from the July 14, 2026 Bid #2026-2027-09** for the 2026-2027 School Year as listed on Exhibit A.
15. The Superintendent and the Director of Transportation recommend the **award of bids submitted from the July 14, 2026 Bid #2026-2027-09** to the lowest, responsible and responsive bus contractor company for the 2026-2027 School Year as listed on Exhibit A.
16. The Superintendent and the Director of Transportation recommend the **rejection of bids submitted from the June 16, 2026 Bid #2026-2027-09** due to cost exceeding allowable amount, non-compliance or termination of the routes as listed on Exhibit A.
17. The Superintendent and the Director of Transportation recommend the **renewal of the 2025 -2026 Routes for the 2026-2027 School Year** at or below the State issued CPI increase of 3.58% or less as listed on Exhibit A.
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19. The Superintendent and the Director of Transportation recommend the **acceptance** of student transportation **quotations for School Related Activities Routes** for the 2026-2027 Extended School Year as listed on Exhibit A.
20. The Superintendent and the Director of Transportation recommend the **award** of student transportation **quotations for Athletics/Class/Field Trips** to the lowest, responsible and responsive bus contractor companies for the 2025-2026 School Year as listed on Exhibit A.
21. The Superintendent and the Director of Transportation recommend the **renewal of the 2025 -2026 School Related Activities Routes for the 2026-2027 School Year** at or below the State issued CPI increase of 3.58% or less as listed on Exhibit A.

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

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Motion to approve items 10- 15:

(ACTION) Motion by Polowchena. seconded by Cappello

Yes	Natalia Cappello	Absent	Kevin Daviau	Yes	Veronica Schram
Yes	James Chaffee, Jr.	Yes	James Warin	Yes	Jennifer Polowchena
Yes	Jayson Cittrich	Yes	Jayna Gulan	Yes	Nicole Falconi-Shubert Abstain #12 O.

16. **BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBER COMMENTS**

Nicole Falconi-Shubert hoped everyone would enjoy the rest of their summer which was echoed by the rest of the board.

17. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn:

(ACTION) Motion by Chaffee. seconded by Polowchena

All in favor: Yes Choose an item. Time: 7:10pm

Respectfully submitted,



Jeff Hallenbeck, Board Secretary