



Barnegat Township School District

BARNEGAT BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

**October 28, 2025
Tuesday, 6:00 PM – Regular Meeting**

Barnegat High School
180 Bengal Blvd.
Barnegat, NJ 08005

AGENDA

Our collective mission is to nurture and educate our children in accordance with all curriculum standards to prepare them for responsible citizenship and success in life.

Board of Education

Scott Sarno, President Doreen Continanza, Vice President
Sandra Churney George Fedorczyk Carol Geene John Hearn Kelly Myszka Regina Tarnowski Lauren Washburn

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT

The notice of this meeting has been forwarded to the Asbury Park Press and The Beacon, and placed in the foyer of each Barnegat Township School, in the Barnegat Township Municipal Building and has been filed with the Barnegat Township Municipal Clerk, in conjunction with the Open Public Meeting Act N.J.S.A. 10:4-10.

III. ROLL CALL

IV. FLAG SALUTE

V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND/OR ADDITIONS

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND/OR ADDITIONS

1. Motion to approve the Regular Session Minutes from the Regular meeting of September 30, 2025. ([Attachment](#))
2. Motion to approve the [Executive Session Minutes](#) from the Regular meeting of September 30, 2025.

VII. STUDENT UPSTANDERS

1. Upstander Recipients:
 - a. Alexandra Soden, Barnegat High School, Grade 12
 - b. Arianna Messina, Russell O. Brackman Middle School, Grade 8
 - c. Kendra Lustig, Robert L. Horbelt Intermediate School, Grade 5
 - d. Logan Blasko, Joseph T. Donahue Elementary School, Grade 3
 - e. Giovanni Bruno, Cecil S. Collins Elementary School, Grade 1
 - f. Lila Sanders, Lillian M. Dunfee Elementary School, PreK
 - g. Kyler Donaldson, ACES, Grade 1

VIII. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

The district has initiated participation of students as student representatives at Board meetings to offer insight into district and student community highlights, activities and issues.

Please welcome our guest High School Representative: Kaylee Janssen

IX. BARNEGAT EDUCATION ASSOCIATION LIAISON

The Board has initiated participation of the Barnegat Education Association representatives at Board meetings to offer insight into district and staff highlights, and accomplishments.

Please welcome our guest Barnegat Education Association Liaison: Larissa Morganoff

X. STATE NJ SCHOOL BOARDS REPRESENTATIVE

XI. OCEAN COUNTY NJ SCHOOL BOARDS REPRESENTATIVE

XII. COMMITTEE DISCUSSIONS

1. [Finance](#)
2. [Athletics](#)
3. [Buildings & Grounds, Transportation, and Food Services](#)
4. [Education](#)
5. [Governance](#)
6. [Health, Safety & Technology](#)
7. [Personnel](#)
8. [Special Education/ACES](#)

XIII. REPORT ON BOARD SELF EVALUATION/BOARD GOALS

1. As presented by Mr. Scott Sarno, Board President.

XIV. SUPERINTENDENT'S DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS, INFORMATION AND COMMENTS

1. Barnegat Brag:
 - a. HIB Self-Assessment Report, as presented by Mary Cammarata. [Attachment](#)
 - b. Presentation of SY24-25 district assessments results including NJSLA English Language Arts, NJSLA mathematics, DLM, ACCESS for ELLs, and NJGPA; as presented by James Barbieri.
2. District Enrollment Numbers as of October 16, 2025.

Lillian M. Dunfee Elementary School	340
Cecil S. Collins Elementary School	714
Joseph T. Donahue Elementary School	535

Robert L. Horbelt Elementary School	524
Russell O. Brackman Middle School	567
Barnegat High School	1010
Out-of-District	106
District Total	3796

3. Five Year Strategic Plan for the District (2022-2027).

Goal #1	Learner Success: To create an engaging environment that advocates continuous growth and life-long learning in order to develop productive citizens in the community.
Goal #2	Social-Emotional Learning: To develop and implement support programs focused on the social/emotional well-being of the whole child.
Goal #3	Community Partnerships: Create partnerships that provide our students with authentic experiences, make connections with the community at all ages, and focus learning on a local context.
Goal #4	Facilities & Finance: To establish a fiscally appealing and responsibly allocated budget to ensure support of exceptional personnel, facilities, and resources.

XV. PRESIDENT’S REMARKS/INFORMATION

XVI. PUBLIC SESSION

The Barnegat Township Board of Education appreciates and welcomes public comment, advice and suggestions especially when it is intended to assist the Board of Education. Please feel free to speak to the Board during the public session. Comments and discussion will be limited to one five (5) minute period per individual unless requested by the chairperson to continue on a point of clarification. Public comment at special meetings of the Board shall be related to the call of the meeting. In accordance with the Board of Education Policy, each participant must be recognized by the presiding officer and must preface their comments by an announcement of their name, address and group affiliation, if appropriate. Your anticipated courtesy to the members of the public and the Board is appreciated.

XVII. FINANCE COMMITTEE – MOTIONS

1. Payroll

Motion to approve the following bi-monthly total payroll expense:

- a. September 15, 2025 [\(Attachment F-1\)](#)
- b. September 30, 2025 [\(Attachment F-1a\)](#)

2. Bills List

- a. Motion to approve the October 2025 Bills List #1 in the total amount of \$1,504,492.73. [\(Attachment F-2\)](#)
- b. Motion to approve the October 2025 Bills List #2 in the total amount of \$935,210.24. [\(Attachment F-2a\)](#)

3. Board Secretary/Business Administrators Reports

a. Transfer of funds

Motion to approve the Transfer Status Reports through September 2025 and the transfers of funds for the month of September 2025.

[\(Attachment F-3\)](#)

b. Board Secretary's Report - September 2025

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c)3, I certify that as of September 2025, no budgetary line item account has obligations and payments (contractual orders) which in total exceed the amount appropriated by the Barnegat Township Board of Education pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A22-8.1 and N.J.S.A. 18A22-8.2, and no budgetary line item account was over-expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6:23-16.10(a)1.

Katherine Van Tassel

Date
[\(Attachment F-4\)](#)

c. Treasurer's Report - September 2025

In accordance with 18A:22-8.1 and 18A:22-8.2 for the month of September 2025, the preliminary Report of the Treasurer of School Funds for the 2025-2026 school year is in agreement with the Reports of the Board Secretary, pending audit adjustments. [\(Attachment F-5\)](#)

d. **Board Certification**

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A23A-16-10(c)4, the Barnegat Board of Education certifies that as of July 31, 2025, and after review of the Secretary's Monthly Financial Report and the Treasurer's Monthly Financial Reports for September 2025, and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials, to the best of the Board's knowledge, no major account or fund has been over-expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A23A-16-10(a)1, and that sufficient funds were available to meet the district.

4. **Out of District Placements**

Motion to approve Special Education Placements as per attached.

[\(Attachment F-6\)](#)

5. **Homebound Instruction**

Motion to approve Homebound Instruction as per attached.

[\(Attachment F-7\)](#)

6. **Donations**

Motion to accept the following donations:

Donor	Amount	Reason
Barnegat Elementary Parent Teacher Association	CSCS Faculty Room Refrigerator	Replacement for current broken refrigerator in the faculty room.
Barnegat Rec Lacrosse Program	\$2,706.00	Assist with the Start-up costs for the ROBMS School Boys & Girls Lacrosse Teams.

7. **Tuition Receiving Contracts**

Motion to approve Tuition Receiving contracts as per attached.

[\(Attachment F-8\)](#)

8. **ESEA Grant Application**

Motion to accept the allocation and approve the submission of the 2025-2026 ESEA Consolidated Grant Application for the following Titles:

Title I funds

Total Allocation: \$735,049

20-231-100-300-00 - Educational online software programs like rockalingua, ESGI, Brainpop, Cengage \$264,000

20-231-200-100-00 - Salaries - Teachers afterschool programs, 2 bus drivers for Homeless routes \$247,650

20-231-200-300-00 - Guidance software to assist students and teacher lesson plan software \$100,000

20-231-200-600-00 - Family Parent Engagement Night Supplies \$7,350

20-231-400-731/732-00 - Lease of student chromebooks and smartboards and copiers \$116,049

Title II A

20-270-100-300 - Linkit - \$159,000

Title III

Total Allocation : \$61,548

20-240-100-600-00 Instructional supplies \$57,548

20-242-200-300-00 Professional Development \$2,400

20-242-200-600-00 Supplies \$1,600

Title III Immigrant

20-241-200-600-00 - Supplies \$9,946

9. **State Placement Settlement - Bancroft**

Motion to approve the settlement cost for the State placement of student ID No.0106112, costs to be paid 50% by Barnegat Board of Education and 50% by Toms River Board of Education. The total cost to Barnegat Township Board of Education shall not exceed \$8,500.00.

10. **Joint Transportation Agreement**

Motion to approve the Joint Transportation Agreement between Barnegat Township School District (joiner) and the Central Regional School District (host) to the Brick

Vocational School Route SE1 and SE2 (AM/PM) for the 2025-2026 school year at no cost to the district.

XVIII. ATHLETICS COMMITTEE – MOTIONS

1. Motion to rescind Robet Klaslo as Assistant High School Girls Spring Track & Field Coach for the 2025-2026 school year previously approved on the May 27, 2025 BOE Agenda; Resignation.
2. Motion to approve Teddy Wilson as High School Assistant Spring Girls Track & Field Coach Step 1 \$4,337.00, for the 2025-2026 school year. Justification Robert Klaslo Resignation.
3. Motion to rescind Rebecca Kane Assistant High School Winter Track & Field Coach, for the 2025-2026 school year previously approved on the May 27, 2025 BOE Agenda; Resignation.
4. Motion to approve Teddy Wilson as High School Assistant Winter Track & Field Coach Step 1 \$3,821.00, for the 2025-2026 school year. Justification Rebecca Kane Resignation.
5. Motion to rescind Rebecca Kane Head Girls High School Spring Track & Field Coach, for the 2025-2026 school year previously approved on the May 27, 2025 BOE Agenda; Resignation.
6. Motion to approve Ginalee Erskine as Head Girls Spring Track & Field Coach Step 1 \$6,067.00, for the 2025-2026 school year. Justification moving from assistant to head, replacing Rebecca Kane; Resignation.
7. Motion to approve Ralph Cruz as High School Girls Assistant Spring Track & Field Coach step 1 \$4,337.00, for the 2025-2026 school year. Moving from Middle School to the High School position. Justification Ginalee Erskine moving to head coach.
8. Motion to rescind Alexa Schmitz Assistant High School Cheerleading Winter Season, for the 2025-2026 school year previously approved on the May 27, 2025 BOE Agenda; Resignation
9. Motion to rescind Alexa Schmitz Assistant High School Cheerleading Competition Winter Season, for the 2025-2026 school year previously approved on the May 27, 2025 BOE Agenda; Resignation.

10. Motion to approve Mike Palmieri as Head Boys Bowling Coach Step 5 \$6,597.00; for the 2025-2026 school year.
11. Motion to approve Seth Freiwald as Boys High School Assistant Lacrosse Coach Step 1 \$4,337.00, for the 2025-2026 school year.
12. Motion to approve Ralph Cruz as a Volunteer Winter High School Track & Field Coach, for the 2025-2026 school year.
13. Motion to approve Abena Darbo as a Volunteer High School Winter Track & Field Coach., for the 2025-2026 school year
14. Motion to approve Tom Black as a Volunteer Middle School Wrestling Coach, for the 2025-2026 school year.
15. Motion to approve disposal of old stained cheerleading uniforms - zero value.
16. Motion to approve the Boy and Girls swim team to go to the Ramapo vs William Patterson swim meet on Tuesday January 27, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. The swim team will attend the meet at no cost to the district other than a bus.
17. Motion to approve the Marching Band to attend “Music in the Parks” Adjudication Performance and Hershey Park Trip on Saturday May 2, 2026. This is at no cost to the district except for a bus.
18. Motion to approve the date change for the Home Color Guard Show from March 21 to March 22, 2026. This was previously approved at the May 27, 2025 BOE Meeting. TOB/TIA had a scheduling conflict.

XIX. BUILDINGS & GROUNDS, TRANSPORTATION, AND FOOD SERVICES - MOTIONS

1. Motion to approve the annual School Bus Evacuation Drill and submission to the Ocean County Department of education as per attached. The drills were completed with no problems or issues. [Attachment B1](#)
2. Motion to approve the October 2025 90 Day Facility Usage. [Attachment B2](#)

XX. EDUCATION COMMITTEE – MOTIONS

1. Motion to approve the following Substance Use Prevention Programs from Ocean County Health Department (replacing Alcohol EDU):

- a. Drug Code
 - b. Escaping Vaping
 - c. Oh, the places you'll go!
2. Motion to approve the District's [WBL/CBI Locations](#)
3. Motion to approve the attached College/University Placements: [Attachment](#)
4. Motion to approve the attached Continuing Education Requests: [Attachment](#)
5. Motion to approve the attached Field Trips: [Attachment](#)
6. Motion to approve the attached Out of District Workshops: [Attachment](#)

XXI. EDUCATION COMMITTEE – INFORMATION

1. Out of District Workshops: [Attachment](#)
2. Assemblies: [Attachment](#)

XXII. [GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE](#) – MOTIONS

1. Motion to approve the second reading, and/or adoption, of the following policies:

Policy #	Section	Title	New/ Revised/ Abolished	Suggested/ Recommended/ Mandated
5200	Students	Attendance	Revised	Mandated
5200.01	Students	High School Attendance	Revised	Suggested
5600	Students	Student Discipline/Code of Conduct	Revised	Mandated

XXIII. [PERSONNEL COMMITTEE](#) – MOTIONS

1. Motion to approve the following resignations for the 2025-2026 school year.
 - a. Rebecca Kane - Instructional Coach - BHS
Effective Date: November 26, 2025

- b. Alexa Schmitz - ESL Teacher - ROBMS
Effective Date: November 26, 2025
 - c. Jenna Trail - Part-time Paraprofessional - ROBMS
Effective Date: October 9, 2025
 - d. Rocco Giannotti - Part-time Paraprofessional - BHS
Effective Date: October 15, 2025
 - e. Brianna Russo - Bus Aide - Transportation
Effective Date: September 24, 2025
2. Motion to approve the following Retirements for the 2025-2026 school year.
- a. Kathleen Watlington - Full-time Paraprofessional - BHS
Effective Date: January 1, 2026
 - b. Bonnie Harris - Third Grade Teacher - JTDS
Effective Date: December 1, 2025
3. Motion to approve the following new hires for the 2025-2026 school year:
- a. Lenniza Ramirez - Part-time Paraprofessional - District
Effective Date: November 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026
Salary: \$15,597.00/Step 1
Justification: Dawn Smith's Resignation
Pending CHR and 2018 c.5 clearance
 - b. Luann Barcello (Re-hire) - Bus Driver - Transportation
Effective Date: November 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026
Salary: \$26.45 per hour/Step 15
Justification: Debra Braitsch
Pending CHR and 2018 c.5 clearance

- c. Dana Smyth - School Nurse - LMDS
Effective Date: November 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026
Salary: \$63,764.00/Step 8 BA
Justification: Colleen Kolvites' Retirement
Pending CHR and 2018 c.5 clearance
 - d. Kimberly Rego - Special Education/ELA Teacher - ROBMS
Effective Date: November 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026
Salary: \$68,289.00/Step 11 MA
Justification: Alexa Schmitz's Resignation
Pending CHR and 2018 c.5 clearance
- 4. Motion to approve Kimberly Rego, Special Education/ ICR Teacher at ROBMS, for 6th period stipend, effective January 1, 2026, to be compensated at the BEA Stipend Amount, for the 2025-2026 school year.
 - 5. Motion to rescind Sarah Fennell, Part-time Paraprofessional, who was previously approved on the September 30, 2025 BOE Agenda for the 2025-2026 school year.
 - 6. Motion to approve the following Substitute Transportation Aides for the 2025-2026 school year.
 - a. Brianna Polidoro - Pending CHR
 - b. Dawn Polidoro - Pending CHR
 - 7. Motion to rescind John Hutchinson's transfer from Part-time Paraprofessional at JTDS to Full-time Paraprofessional at CSCS, previously approved on the September 30, 2025 BOE Agenda, for the 2025-2026 school year.
 - 8. Motion to approve Debbie Loechner for a new stipend as Student Activity Account Custodian at CSCS to be compensated at the stipend amount of \$1,595.00 for the 2025-2026 school year.
 - 9. Motion to approve Monica Lowe for a new stipend as Student Activity Account Custodian at JTDS, to be compensated at the stipend amount of \$1,595.00 for the 2025-2026 school year.

10. Motion to approve Jaclyn Dzienkiewicz as a PD Academy Instructor, to be compensated at the BEA contracted stipend amount for the 2025-2026 school year.
11. Motion to approve the following staff members for 7th period stipend at ROBMS, to be compensated at the BEA Stipend Amount, for the 2025-2026 school year.
 - a. Linda Boyd - Linda will receive a 7th period stipend through December 31, 2025.
 - b. Jenna Snell - For the entire 2025-2026 school year
12. Motion to approve the following nurses at CSCS to be compensated at the BEA overtime rate from 3:10 PM to 3:30 PM to assist students in afterschool clubs for the 2025-2026 school year.
 - a. Dolores Hawrylo
 - b. Maria Villafane
13. Motion to approve Maria Altomare for Morning Drop Off from October 6, 2025 through December 19, 2025 at RLHS, to be compensated at the BEA hourly rate for the 2025-2026 school year. Justification: Michael Villiez was previously approved for Morning Drop Off but he will be on Paternity Leave during these dates. Maria Altomare will be covering Morning Drop Off during this time.
14. Motion to approve the following staff members for Lunch Recess Coverage at RLHS, to be compensated at the Contracted BEA Stipend amount for the 2025-2026 school year.
 - a. Maria Altomare
 - b. Dana Hermanni
15. Motion to approve the following staff members at ROBMS for the Academic Recovery Program, to be compensated at the BEA hourly rate for the 2025-2026 school year.
 - a. Jennifer Martin - Math (7th Grade, Tuesday & Wednesday)
 - b. Dana Scholl - Math (8th Grade, Monday & Wednesday)
 - c. Catherine Romano - Social Studies (7th Grade, Monday & Wednesday)

- d. Jennifer Appice - Social Studies (8th Grade, Tuesday & Thursday)
- e. T Blake Fabian - Science (7th & 8th Grade, Tuesday & Thursday)
- f. Victoria Rizzo - ELA (7th Grade, Tuesday & Thursday)
- g. Jennifer Appice - ELA (8th Grade, Monday & Wednesday)

16. Motion to approve Kerry Bollenbach as an Event Chaperone at BHS to be compensated at the BEA hourly rate for the 2025-2026 school year.

17. Motion to approve the following Maternity Leaves for the 2025-2026 school year.

- a. Employee ID #6238 - Teacher - ROBMS
Maternity LOA Paid: January 7, 2026 - January 9, 2026
Maternity LOA Unpaid (FMLA/FLI): January 12, 2026 - December 31, 2026
Return Date: January 5, 2027
- b. Employee ID #7010 - School Psychologist - JTDS
Maternity LOA Paid: January 20, 2026 - February 24, 2026
Maternity LOA Unpaid (FMLA) - February 25, 2026 - May 29, 2026
Return Date: June 1, 2026

18. Motion to approve the following Medical Leave for the 2025-2026 school year.

- a. Employee ID #7143 - Groundskeeper - Facilities
Medical LOA Paid: October 29, 2025 - December 16, 2025
Medical LOA Unpaid (FMLA): December 17, 2025 - January 23, 2026
Return Date: January 26, 2026

XXIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public Meeting Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances and

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances exist.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Township of Barnegat in the County of Ocean and State of New Jersey, as follows:

The public shall be excluded from discussion on the actions upon the hereinafter specified subject matter(s):

- HIB Report
- Personnel Matters

It is anticipated at this time that the subject matters will be made public, if and when, confidentiality is no longer needed. Action may be taken.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That each Board Member participating remotely affirms that they will maintain a location that respects the confidentiality of executive session discussions.

This resolution shall become effective immediately.

XXV. EXECUTIVE DISCUSSION

1. [HIB Report](#)
2. Personnel Matters

XXVI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Motion to approve the HIB incident's report, as per Policy 5512, Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying, as presented by the superintendent during executive session.

XXVII. ADJOURNMENT

The next scheduled Barnegat Township Board of Education meeting will be the regular meeting on November 25, 2025. The meeting will be held at 6:00 PM at Barnegat High School.

CODE OF ETHICS

Board of Education

A school board member shall abide by the following Code of Ethics for School Board Members:

1. I will uphold and enforce all laws, state board rules and regulations of the State Board of Education, and court orders pertaining to schools. Desired changes shall be brought about only through legal and ethical procedures.
2. I will make decisions in terms of educational welfare of children and will seek to develop and maintain public schools that meet the individual needs of all children regardless of their ability, race, creed, sex or social standing.
3. I will confine my board action to policy making, planning, and appraisal, and I will help to frame policies and plans only after the board has consulted those who will be affected by them.
4. I will carry out my responsibility, not to administer the schools, but, together with my fellow board members, to see that they are well run.
5. I will recognize that authority rests with the board of education and will make no personal promises nor take any private action that may compromise the board.
6. I will refuse to surrender my independent judgment to special interest or partisan political groups or to use the schools for personal gain or for the gain of friends.
7. I will hold confidential all matters pertaining to the schools which, if disclosed, would needlessly injure individuals or the schools. In all other matters, I will provide accurate information and, in concert with my fellow board members, interpret to the staff the aspirations of the community for its school.
8. I will vote to appoint the best qualified personnel available after consideration of the recommendation of the chief administrative officer.
9. I will support and protect school personnel in proper performance of their duties.
10. I will refer all complaints to the chief administrative officer and will act on the complaints at public meetings only after failure of an administrative solution.