



# *Barnegat Township School District*

## **BARNEGAT BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING**

**November 25, 2025  
Tuesday, 6:00 PM – Regular Meeting**

Barnegat High School  
180 Bengal Blvd.  
Barnegat, NJ 08005

## **MINUTES**

*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**

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m.

## **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**

Ms. Churney	Not Present
Ms. Continanza	Present
Mr. Fedorczyk	Present
Ms. Geene	Present
Mr. Hearn	Present
Ms. Myska	Present
Ms. Tarnowski	Not Present
Mr. Sarno	Present
Ms. Washburn	Present

Also Present: Dr. Brian Latwis

Katherine Van Tassel, Business Administrator  
Christopher Dasti, Board Attorney  
Kaylee Janssen, Student Representative  
Larissa Morganoff, BEA Representative - Not Present

## **IV. FLAG SALUTE**

All: Pledge of Allegiance

## **V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND/OR ADDITIONS**

The Board President requested a motion to approve the Agenda/Additions. The motion was moved by Ms. Continanza and seconded by Mr. Hearn.

Roll Call:

Ms. Continanza, Yes; Mr. Fedorczyk, Yes; Ms. Geene, Yes; Mr. Hearn, Yes; Ms. Myszka, Yes; Ms. Washburn, Yes; Mr. Sarno, Yes. Motion carried.

## **VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND/OR ADDITIONS**

The Board President requested a motion to approve the Minutes /Additions. The motion was moved by Ms. Continanza and seconded by Mr. Hearn.

Roll Call:

Ms. Continanza, Yes; Mr. Fedorczyk, Abstain; Ms. Geene, Yes; Mr. Hearn; Yes; Ms. Myszka; Yes; Ms. Washburn, Yes; Mr. Sarno, Yes. Motion carried.

1. Motion to approve the Regular Session Minutes from the Regular meeting of October 28, 2025. [\(Attachment\)](#)
2. Motion to approve the [Executive Session Minutes](#) from the Regular meeting of October 28, 2025.

## **VII. STUDENT UPSTANDERS**

1. Upstander Recipients:

- a. Lillie Silverman, Barnegat High School, Grade 12
- b. Marilyz Diaz, Russell O. Brackman Middle School, Grade 8
- c. Emma Dyer, Robert L. Horbelt Intermediate School, Grade 6
- d. Liam Gashlin, Joseph T. Donahue Elementary School, Grade 4
- e. Alana DiMauro, Cecil S. Collins Elementary School, Grade 2
- f. Sophia Scotto-di-Carlo, Lillian M. Dunfee Elementary School, PreK
- g. Jovina DeCristofaro, ACES, Grade 2

## **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  
The student representative reported on the following:

1. Student advisory meeting update.
2. School plans for AI electives class discussed.
3. The annual Power Puff football game took place.
4. Food Drive held for the food pantry.
5. Winter sports update.
6. College signings took place.

## **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  
No Update Given as the BEA Liaison was not present.

## **X. STATE NJ SCHOOL BOARDS REPRESENTATIVE**

Update: Meeting was held on 11/22. Three Resolutions were presented, one by Delrea BOE regarding NJSBA limitation on period of time where a board member and charter school trustee review of criminal history be reviewed ; the 2nd by Clifton School District regarding universal free school lunches from Prek - grade 12; the 3rd by Bridgewater/Raritan School District regarding integrating science, technology, engineering, math and stem PreK - grade 12 curriculum. The Next meeting will be held 12/4/2025. New President appointed.

Discussion: Board members discussed the stem part of the Bridgewater/Raritan resolution and the reasons for the resolution not passing. Resolutions are presented to the state, but it does not mean it will be passed.

## **XI. OCEAN COUNTY NJ SCHOOL BOARDS REPRESENTATIVE**

Update: Next meeting is scheduled for 12/4/2025.

## **XII. COMMITTEE DISCUSSIONS**

### **1. Finance**

The committee Chair provided the Board and Public an explanation on the following discussions that took place during the November 19, 2025 Finance Committee meeting:

- a. Finance monthly reports payroll and monthly bills list.
- b. Financial reports which included the transfers report, board secretary's report and treasurer's report.
- c. Donations to the district.
- d. Comprehensive Maintenance Plan.
- e. Health and Safety Evaluations of the school buildings.

- f. Machado Law Group rescinded, new Law Firm Kleen Education Law appointed as special education counsel.
- g. Annual DRTRS reports for submission.
- h. Grant application Patrick Leahy Farm to School.
- i. Next meeting December 10, 2025.

2. [Buildings & Grounds, Transportation, and Food Services](#)

The committee Chair provided the Board and Public an explanation on the following discussions that took place during the November 17, 2025 Building and Grounds and Transportation and Food Services Committee meeting:

- a. Outstanding lunch balances.
- b. Fire updates.
- c. LRFP continues.
- d. Fee schedule compliance and emergency purchases due to fire.

3. [Education](#)

The committee Chair provided the Board and Public an explanation on the following discussions that took place during the November 18, 2025 Education Committee meeting:

- a. Work Based Learning program, Community Based instruction, College/University placements, Continuing Education requests.
- b. Preschool plan 2026-2027 three year operational plan.
- c. State validation visit.
- d. Frogstreet curriculum possible adoption.
- e. New high school courses presented for approval.

4. [Health, Safety & Technology](#)

The committee Chair provided the Board and Public an explanation on the following discussions that took place during the November 20, 2025 Health, Safety and Technology Committee meeting:

- a. Principal monthly reports.
- b. Security update provided.
- c. Safety committee meeting held 11/21/2025.
- d. Nursing update on anti choking devices.
- e. New access points in the middle school and BOE offices.
- f. Replacement computers received and installed in the ESPORTs lab.

## 5. Personnel

The committee Chair provided the Board and Public an explanation on the following discussions that took place during the November 17, 2025 Personnel Committee meeting:

- a. New hires in the district, 3rd grade teacher, bus driver, bus aides, instructional coach.
- b. New athletic coaches in the district.

## 6. Special Education/ACES

The committee Chair provided the Board and Public an explanation on the following discussions that took place during the November 17, 2025 Special Ed/ACES Committee meeting:

- a. Courtyard nearing completion, ACES students to add handprints to the project.
- b. Recognition of two art teachers, Jaime Lee and Patricia Micca who participated and helped the project come to fruition.
- c. Signs for cameras in the classrooms will be installed.
- d. Strategic plan for the special education, final meeting held October 30, 2025.
- e. Special education action plans in development.
- f. Special education strategic planning to be presented in the near future.
- g. Aces parents meeting held, discussed parent involvement.
- h. ACES events upcoming through June.
- i. Staffing remains a challenge, additional paraprofessionals needed.

Discussion: Committee chair and board president had a discussion on continuing the special education committee. At this time the discussion is up for further review.

## **XIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS, INFORMATION AND COMMENTS**

The superintendent reported the following highlights within the district:<sup>1</sup>

- Restoration update at the high school. Shout out to BA, B&G, Administration, BOE, we are at 80% operational.
- Mr. Anthony Orecchio, a teacher at RLHS has been selected to present at the NJ Music Educators Conference in February in Atlantic City.
- Congratulations on Bonnie Harris' retirement, there will be a clapp-out tomorrow recognizing her 27 years of service. Best of luck in your future endeavors.
- Bengal Theatre will present Our Town December 4th to 6th 7:00 p.m. and December 7th at 2:00 p.m. BHS auditorium.
- Congratulations to Paige Mairowicz on being selected for the 2026 NJMEA Honors Band as she will perform in the NJMEA State Conference in February.

- BHS Career Fair was a big success. Thank you to the board members who participate.
- Congratulations to LMDS for being recognized as a 4 star quality rating.
- Happy and healthy Thanksgiving to all.

1. Data Harvest #1 presentation.
2. District Enrollment Numbers as of November 20, 2025.

Lillian M. Dunfee Elementary School	342
Cecil S. Collins Elementary School	706
Joseph T. Donahue Elementary School	532
Robert L. Horbelt Elementary School	515
Russell O. Brackman Middle School	565
Barnegat High School	1004
Out-of-District	108
<b>District Total</b>	<b>3772</b>

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.

#### **XIV. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS/INFORMATION**

At the beginning of the board meeting, the Board President congratulated Ms. Cotinanza on her recognition as a Certified Board member. Thank you to the administrators of the school for providing information to show how our district is progressing and moving the

district forward. Thank you to all the staff for providing the support and guidance to our students. Wishing everyone a safe holiday, enjoying family, friends and spending time together.

## **XV. 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.

The Board President requests a motion to open public session at 6:57 p.m. Motion moved by Mr. Fedorczyk and seconded by Ms. Myszka.

Roll Call:

Ms. Continanza, Yes; Mr. Fedorczyk, Yes; Ms. Geene, Yes; Mr. Hearn; Yes; Ms. Myszka; Yes; Ms. Washburn, Yes; Mr. Sarno, Yes. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

1. Megan Darian, 19 Orchid Lane. The member of the public spoke with regard to her son who is a Senior, two children that have graduated from BHS. Parent expressed her concerns regarding social media and the posts within the district and their impact.
2. George Fedorczyk, 131 Rockrimmon Blvd. A current board member that spoke as a member of the public regarding a recent matter posted on social media and his deep concerns for the district regarding the alleged allegations.

The Board President requests a motion to close the public session at 7:02 P.M. Motion moved by Mr. Continanza and seconded by Mr. Hearn.

Roll Call:

Ms. Continanza, Yes; Mr. Fedorczyk, Yes; Ms. Geene, Yes; Mr. Hearn; Yes; Ms. Myszka; Yes; Ms. Washburn, Yes; Mr. Sarno, Yes. Motion carried.

## XVI. FINANCE COMMITTEE – MOTIONS

The Board President requests a motion to approve Finance motions one through nineteen. Motion moved by Ms. Continanza and seconded by Mr. Hearn.

Roll Call:

Ms. Continanza, Yes; Mr. Fedorczyk, Yes; Ms. Geene, Yes; Mr. Hearn; Yes; Ms. Myszka; Yes; Ms. Washburn, Yes; Mr. Sarno, Yes. Motion carried.

### 1. Payroll

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

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

### 2. Bills List

Motion to approve the following November 2025 Bills List:

- a. Bills List #1 = Total Amount \$3,304,734.71 [\(Attachment F-2\)](#)
- b. Bills List #2 = Total Amount \$73,031.25 [\(Attachment F-2a\)](#)

### 3. Board Secretary/Business Administrators Reports

- a. Transfer of funds [\(Attachment F-3\)](#)

Motion to approve the Transfer Status Reports through October 31, 2025 and the transfers of funds for the month of October 2025.

- b. Board Secretary's Report [\(Attachment F-4\)](#)

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c)3, I certify that as of October 31, 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 18A:22-8.1 and N.J.S.A. 18A:22-8.2, and no budgetary line item account was over-expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6:23-16.10(a)1.

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- c. Treasurer's Report [\(Attachment F-5\)](#)

In accordance with 18A:22-8.1 and 18A:22-8.2 for the month of October 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.

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

Motion to approve Special Education Placements as per attached.

5. **Homebound Instruction** [\(Attachment F-7\)](#)

Motion to approve Homebound Instruction as per attached.

6. **Donations**

Motion to accept the following donations:

Donor	Amount	Reason
JROTC Dog Tags Company	\$394.65	Donation of Dog Tags to NJROTC
Judy Cobb and the Deacons from the Wright Memorial Presbyterian Church, Barnegat	\$300 (6 - \$50/ACME gift cards)	Barnegat Families - Thanksgiving
Chick-Fil-A Manahawkin	198 Free Sandwich Gift Cards	JTDS Students for monthly rewards/recognitions
Bayside Chapel	44 Winter Coats	Donation to families in the barnegat school district PreK - 12th grade.

Brian and Mary Lauer	\$2,400	10 Keyboards and stands for RLHS
Dunkin Donuts	\$100	Donation to Clawmart
Tax Pros, Inc./Joel Mitchell	\$500	LMDS School Lunch Balance any remaining funds to be distributed throughout the district.

7. **Tuition Receiving Contracts**

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

Motion to approve Tuition Receiving contracts as per attached.

8. **Equipment Disposal**

Motion to approve the disposal of the following equipment in accordance with Board Policy 7300:

<u>Equipment</u>	<u>Asset ID #</u>
RLHS - Die-Cut Machine	N/A

9. **Comprehensive Maintenance Plan**

[\(Attachment F - 9\)](#)

Motion to approve the annual Barnegat Township Schools Comprehensive Maintenance Plan, M-1 detailed worksheet and detained expenditures.

10. **Health and Safety Evaluation of School Buildings**

[\(Attachment F - 10\)](#)

Motion to approve the Health and Safety Evaluation of School Buildings Checklist for Barnegat High School, Russell O. Brackman Middle School, Robert L. Horbelt School, Joseph T. Donahue School, Cecil S. Collins School and Lillian M. Dunfee School for the 2025-2026 school year.

11. **Machado Law Group**

Motion to rescind Machado Law Group as Special Education counsel effective as of December 31, 2025.

12. **Kleen Education Law**

[\(Attachment F - 11\)](#)

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of Barnegat, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey (“the Board”), requires the continued provision of specialized legal services in the area of special education law; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5(a)(1)*, professional services, including legal services, are exempt from the requirements of public advertising and bidding; and

WHEREAS, the Board currently has multiple outstanding and ongoing special education due process matters and related litigation in which the district is represented by Kleen Education Law, whose knowledge of the district’s specific cases, student needs, and litigation history is essential to ensure continuity and effective legal representation; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that conducting a new Request for Proposals (RFP) or competitive process at this time would not be feasible nor in the best interests of the district due to the immediate and ongoing nature of these legal proceedings, the necessity of maintaining attorney continuity, and the risk of prejudice to the district’s position in active cases; and

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes that it is permitted under *N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5(a)(10)* to award contracts for professional services without competitive bidding when such services require knowledge of the district’s affairs and ongoing matters that cannot reasonably be obtained by another provider without substantial duplication of effort and expense; and

WHEREAS, the Board has conducted a deliberative review process, including consultation with the Superintendent, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, and Board Counsel, and has determined that it is in the best interest of the district to continue the engagement of [Name of Attorney or Firm] to provide special education legal services until such time as pending matters are resolved;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Barnegat, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, hereby appoints Kleen Education Law as Special Education Counsel for the period of January 1, 2026 through June 30, 2026, pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5(a)(1)* and *N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5(a)(10)*, without the use of competitive bidding or RFP, based upon the aforementioned findings and necessity; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that notice of this award shall be published as required by law and that a copy of this resolution and any related contract shall be maintained on file and made available for public inspection in accordance with *N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-5.2(a)(10)* and *N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5(e)*; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board President and Business Administrator/Board Secretary are authorized to execute all necessary documents to effectuate this appointment.

13. **Settlement Agreement and General Lease** [\(Attachment F - 12\)](#)

Motion to approve the Settlement Agreement and General Lease between Barnegat Township Board of Education and New Jersey Department of Education, Division of Finance and Business Services; Toms River Regional School District Board of Education and Eastern Camden County Regional School District Board of Education.

14. **ESL Certificate Program Memorandum of Agreement**

Motion to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between Barnegat Township Board of Education and Employee No. 6269 for reimbursement of tuition costs paid to the district.

15. **DRTRS Report** [\(Attachment F - 13\)](#)

Motion to approve the annual submission of the District Report of Transported Students (DRTRS) to the State of New Jersey.

16. **Parent Transportation Contract**

Motion to approve an Annual Parental Transportation Contract dated November 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, for Student Id No. 0105476 to ALPHA School, Jackson, NJ at the annual cost of \$10,000.00. Contract to be submitted to the county for approval.

17. **Y.A.L.E. School - Stafford Township School District**

Motion to approve Joint Transportation Agreement for one student between the Barnegat Township School District as the Host District and Stafford Township School District as the Joiner District from 9/1/2025 to 6/30/2026 to Y.A.L.E. School, Norfield, NJ at the total annual cost of \$18,000.00.

**18. Grant Application- Patrick Leahy Farm to School**

Motion to approve the grant application for the Patrick Leahy Farm to School Grant Program in the amount of \$230,000. The grant program will support building of a greenhouse, introducing foods grown at school into school lunch program and working with local farmers, focus on garden based nutrition education according to the wellness policy and allowing taste testing opportunities throughout the grade levels.

**19. IDEA Final Expenditures Report**

Motion to approve the School Business Administrators submission of the IDEA Final Expenditure report for the 2024- 2025 school year.

**XVII. BUILDINGS & GROUNDS, TRANSPORTATION, AND FOOD SERVICES - MOTIONS**

The Board President requests a motion to approve Buildings & Grounds, Transportation and Food Services motions one and two. Motion moved by Ms. Continanza and seconded by Ms. Myszka.

Roll Call:

Ms. Continanza, Yes; Mr. Fedorczyk, Yes; Ms. Geene, Yes; Mr. Hearn; Yes; Ms. Myszka; Yes; Ms. Washburn, Yes; Mr. Sarno, Yes. Motion carried.

1. Motion to approve the November 2025 90-day Facility Usage. [Attachment 1](#)
2. Motion to Declare Emergency Purchasing:

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to **N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-7** and **N.J.A.C. 5:34-6.1**, a board of education may award contracts and make purchases without public advertising for bids when an **actual or imminent emergency** exists requiring the immediate delivery of goods or the performance of services to protect the health, safety, or welfare of students or staff, or to preserve school property; and

**WHEREAS**, on or about **October 24, 2025**, the **Barnegat High School** sustained **fire damage and significant water damage affecting seventeen (17) classrooms**, resulting in unsafe and uninhabitable conditions that require immediate action to restore the building to a safe and functional state; and

**WHEREAS**, the **Barnegat Board of Education** finds that this emergency could not have been reasonably foreseen or prevented, and that delay in securing necessary

services or materials through the normal public bidding process would pose a threat to the health, safety, and welfare of students and staff and further endanger school property; and

**WHEREAS**, the **Superintendent** has determined that an emergency exists and has authorized the immediate procurement of goods and services necessary to address the fire and water damage at Barnegat High School; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with **N.J.A.C. 5:34-6.1(a)(2)**, the Superintendent did notify the **Executive County Superintendent of Education** within three (3) days of this declaration, providing details of the emergency and the estimated needs for goods and services necessary to respond to it;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the **Barnegat Board of Education** hereby **declares that an emergency exists** as a result of the fire and water damage at Barnegat High School and authorizes the **Superintendent** and the **School Business Administrator/Board Secretary** to take all necessary actions to make emergency purchases and enter into emergency contracts as permitted under **N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-7**; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the emergency purchasing authority shall be limited to those goods and/or services required to meet the **immediate needs of the emergency**, including but not limited to: building restoration, cleaning, remediation, replacement of damaged equipment and materials, and temporary accommodations as needed; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that no multi-year contracts shall be entered into under this emergency purchasing authority, and that all emergency actions, including expenditures and vendor information, shall be reported to the **Barnegat Board of Education** at its next regular meeting on November 28, 2025.

## **XVIII. EDUCATION COMMITTEE – MOTIONS**

The Board President requests a motion to approve Education Committee motions one through eight. Motion moved by Ms. Continanza and seconded by Mr. Fedorczyk.

Roll Call:

Ms. Continanza, Yes; Mr. Fedorczyk, Yes; Ms. Geene, Yes; Mr. Hearn, Yes; Ms. Myszka, Yes; Ms. Washburn, Yes; Mr. Sarno, Yes. Motion carried.

1. Motion to approve the 2026-2027 school year Three Year Preschool Operational Plan.

2. Motion to approve the following World Language courses at Barnegat High School: *Spanish for Heritage Speakers I-IV*.
3. Motion to approve the following Technology elective course at Barnegat High School: *Introduction to Artificial Intelligence*.
4. Motion to approve the [District's WBL/CBI Locations](#).
5. Motion to approve the attached College/University Placements: [Attachment](#)
6. Motion to approve the attached Continuing Education Requests: [Attachment](#)
7. Motion to approve the attached Field Trips: [Attachment](#)
8. Motion to approve the attached Out of District Workshops: [Attachment](#)

## **XIX. EDUCATION COMMITTEE – INFORMATION**

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

## **XX. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE – MOTIONS**

The Board President requests a motion to approve Personnel motions one through eighteen. Motion moved by Ms. Continanza and seconded by Mr. Hearn.

Roll Call:

Ms. Continanza, Yes; Mr. Fedorczyk, Yes; Ms. Geene, Yes; Mr. Hearn; Yes; Ms. Myszka; Yes; Ms. Washburn, Yes; Mr. Sarno, Yes. Motion carried.

1. Motion to approve the following resignation for the 2025-2026 school year.
  - a. Lauren Rollis - ELA Teacher - ROBMS  
Effective Date: January 14, 2025
2. Motion to approve the following new hires for the 2025-2026 school year:

- a. Jaclyn Wille - Teacher of Grade 3 - JTDS  
Effective Date: December 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026  
Salary: \$68,514.00/Step 14 BA  
Justification: Bonnie Harris' Retirement  
Pending CHR and 2018 c.5 clearance
- b. Richard Rotondella - Full-time Bus Driver - Transportation  
Effective Date: December 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026  
Salary: \$25.25 per hour/Step 12  
Justification: Additional OOD Runs  
Pending CHR and 2018 c.5 clearance
- c. Diane Longmuir - Full-time Bus Aide - Transportation  
Effective Date: December 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026  
Salary: \$16.75 per hour/Step 11  
Justification: Brianna Russo's Resignation  
Pending CHR and 2018 c.5 clearance
- d. Danielle Steen - Instructional Coach - BHS  
Effective Date: December 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026  
Salary: \$82,680.00/Step 16 MA (11 months)  
Justification: Rebecca Kane's Resignation  
Pending CHR and 2018 c.5 clearance

3. Motion to approve the transfer of Alida Torres, Playground Cafeteria Aide, from CSCS to RLHS, and transfer of Kathleen Baio, Playground Cafeteria Aide, from RLHS to CSCS effective December 1, 2025 for the 2025-2026 school year.
4. Motion to approve Marie Pierre as a Substitute Custodian for the 2025-2026 school year.
5. Motion to approve the rescind of Melinda Perez as Part-time Paraprofessional, previously approved on the July 29, 2025 BOE Agenda.
6. Motion to approve the horizontal moves for the following staff members effective December 1, 2025 for the 2025-2026 school year.
  - a. Nicole Turner from Teacher BA+15 to Teacher BA+30/MA

- b. Stacey Walaszek from Teacher BA to Teacher BA+15

7. Motion to approve the following staff members at BHS as Event Chaperones, to be compensated at the BEA hourly rate for the 2025-2026 school year.

- a. William Brasil
- b. Brendan McCarthy
- c. Kathryn Gehrke
- d. Sean Foley
- e. Sajdah Muhammed

8. Motion to approve the following staff members for Academic Assistance/Credit Recovery at BHS, to be compensated at the BEA hourly rate for the 2025-2026 school year.

- a. Joseph Tagliavia
- b. Rosario Cuba

9. Motion to approve Jamie Lee for PAWS Academy Art Teacher, to be compensated at the BEA hourly rate for the 2025-2026 school year.

10. Motion to approve Jordyn Cuevas as High School Assistant Winter Cheerleading Coach to be compensated at the stipend rate of \$5,093.00/Step 1 for the 2025-2026 school year. Justification: Alexa Schmitz's resignation.

11. Motion to approve Jordyn Cuevas as High School Assistant Cheerleading Competition Coach to be compensated at the stipend amount of \$2,081.00/Step 1 for the 2025-2026 school year. Justification: Alexa Schmitz's resignation.

12. Motion to approve the following staff members as Facilitators for the One Barnegat Music Festival to be held on June 4, 2026 for up to 15 hours total for the event, prep and cleanup, to be compensated at the BEA hourly rate for the 2025-2026 school year.

- a. Anthony Orecchio
- b. Astin Williams
- c. Brendan Keffner

- d. Daniel McGrath
- e. Danielle Rosa-Brown
- f. Erich Wald
- g. Jamie Lee
- h. Jennifer Brennan
- i. Jessica Gagnon
- j. Kacie Kuntz
- k. Kerry Bollenbach
- l. Lauren Sawall
- m. Lisa Savianeso
- n. Maria Altomare
- o. Nina Polcino
- p. Patricia Micca
- q. Tara Larsen
- r. Todd Gagnon
- s. Wesley Brown
- t. Emily Dancisin

13. Motion to approve the following staff members as Event Staff for the One Barnegat Music and Arts Festival to be held on June 4, 2026 for up to 6 hours total, to be compensated at the BEA hourly rate for the 2025-2026 school year.

- a. Louis Foster
- b. Diane Morano
- c. Victoria Rose
- d. Jennifer Rowland
- e. Gregory Oravets
- f. Elizabeth Rua-Frischmann
- g. Samuel Salguero

14. Motion to approve the following staff members for Home Instruction, to be compensated at the BEA hourly rate, for the 2025-2026 school year. [Attachment](#)

15. Motion to approve the attached [Sidebar](#) to compensate employees for voluntary Professional Development Days.

16. Motion to approve the attached [Sidebar](#) for Video Surveillance Cameras in the classrooms.

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

a. Employee ID #6729 - Teacher - LMDS

Revised Maternity LOA Paid: November 10, 2025 - November 26, 2026

Revised Maternity LOA Unpaid (FMLA/FLI): December 1, 2025 -  
May 19, 2025

Return Date: May 20, 2026

b. Employee ID #5255 - Teacher - CSCS

Maternity LOA Paid: March 30, 2026 - April 17, 2026

Maternity LOA Unpaid (FMLA): April 20, 2026 - June 18, 2026  
Return Date: September 1, 2026

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

a. Employee ID #4455 - Principal - District

Medical LOA Paid: November 13, 2025 - December 23, 2025

Return Date: January 5, 2026

b. Employee ID #4128 - Bus Driver - Transportation

Medical LOA Paid: October 27, 2025 - December 23, 2025

Return Date: January 5, 2026

## **XXI. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE – INFORMATION**

1. The following ESS Services staff will be covering as follows:

<b>For Informational Purposes Only</b>			
<b>Staff Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Substitute Name</b>
Jillian DeRosa	Teacher	LMDS	Melissa Melber
Michael Villiez	Teacher	RLHS	Barry Cottrell
Danielle Ascough	Teacher	ROBMS	Robert Balcerski

## **XXII. EXECUTIVE SESSION RESOLUTION**

The Board President requested a motion to move into executive session at 7:04 p.m.. Motion moved by Mr. Hearn and seconded by Mr. Fedorczyk.

Roll Call:

Ms. Continanza, Yes; Mr. Fedorczyk, Yes; Ms. Geene, Yes; Mr. Hearn; Yes; Ms. Myszka; Yes; Ms. Washburn, Yes; Mr. Sarno, Yes. Motion carried.

**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
- Special Education Audit
- Attorney client privilege

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.

The Board President Requested a motion to close the executive session at 8:31 p.m. and move to regular session. Motion moved by Mr. Fedorczyk and seconded by Ms. Myszka.

Roll Call:

Ms. Continanza, Yes; Mr. Fedorczyk, Yes; Ms. Geene, Yes; Mr. Hearn; Yes; Ms. Myszka; Yes; Ms. Washburn, Yes; Mr. Sarno, Yes. Motion carried.

## **XXIII. EXECUTIVE DISCUSSION**

### **1. HIB Report**

## **XXIV. 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.

The Board President requested a motion to approve new business motion number one as presented in executive session. Motion moved by Ms. Continanza and seconded by Mr. Hearn.

Roll Call:

Ms. Continanza, Yes; Mr. Fedorczyk, Yes; Ms. Geene, Yes; Mr. Hearn; Yes; Ms. Myszka; Yes; Ms. Washburn, Yes; Mr. Sarno, Yes. Motion carried.

2. Motion to approve the Settlement Agreement and General Release for Student ID 1945705367 as presented to the board.

The Board President requested a motion to approve new business motion number two as presented in executive session. Motion moved by Ms. Continanza and seconded by Mr. Fedorczyk.

Roll Call:

Ms. Continanza, Yes; Mr. Fedorczyk, Yes; Ms. Geene, Yes; Mr. Hearn; Yes; Ms. Myszka; Yes; Ms. Washburn, Yes; Mr. Sarno, Yes. Motion carried.

3. Motion to approve the first reading, and/or adoption, of the following policies: P2535 - Library Material (M) New, R2535 - Library Material (M) New.

The Board President requested a motion to approve new business motion number three as presented in executive session. Motion moved by Ms. Continanza and seconded by Mr. Fedorczyk.

Roll Call:

Ms. Continanza, Yes; Mr. Fedorczyk, Abstain; Ms. Geene, Yes; Mr. Hearn; Yes; Ms. Myszka; Yes; Ms. Washburn, Yes; Mr. Sarno, Yes. Motion carried.

4. Motion to approve the Budget Calendar for the budget planning SY 2026-2027.

The Board President requested a motion to approve new business motion number four as presented in executive session. Motion moved by Ms. Continanza and seconded by Mr. Hearn.

Roll Call:

Ms. Continanza, Yes; Mr. Fedorczyk, Abstain; Ms. Geene, Yes; Mr. Hearn; Yes; Ms. Myszka; Yes; Ms. Washburn, Yes; Mr. Sarno, Yes. Motion carried.

5. Motion to approve Michaela Spain as ELA Teacher at STEP 2 BA pending CHR & 2018. C.5 Clearance.

The Board President requested a motion to approve new business motion number five as presented in executive session. Motion moved by Ms. Continanza and seconded by Mr. Fedorczyk.

Roll Call:

Ms. Continanza, Yes; Mr. Fedorczyk, Abstain; Ms. Geene, Yes; Mr. Hearn; Yes; Ms. Myszka; Yes; Ms. Washburn, Yes; Mr. Sarno, Yes. Motion carried.

## **XXV. ADJOURNMENT**

The next scheduled Barnegat Township Board of Education meeting will be the regular meeting on December 16, 2025. The meeting will be held at 6:00 PM at Barnegat High School.

The Board President requested a motion to adjourn the Regular Board meeting at 8:34 p.m. Motion was moved by Mr. Fedorczyk and seconded by Mr. Hearn.

Roll Call:

Ms. Churney, Yes; Ms. Continanza, Yes; Mr. Fedorczyk, Yes; Ms. Geene, Yes; Mr. Hearn; Yes; Ms. Myszka; Yes; Ms. Tarnowski, Yes; Ms. Washburn, Yes; Mr. Sarno, Yes. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,



Katherine Van Tassel  
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

## **CODE OF ETHICS**

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### **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.