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****The Board reserves the right to enter into closed session at any time during the meeting to discuss matters permitted by NJSA 10:4-12**

**NORTH WILDWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2026 - 6:00 P.M.**

ROUTINE MATTERS**

1. **CALL TO ORDER: Ms. Rotondi called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.**

2. **OPENING STATEMENT**

The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to ensure the right of the public to have advance notice of, and to attend, the meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting their interest is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the provisions of this Act, the North Wildwood Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time and place thereof posted with the City Clerk, the Atlantic City Press and the Cape May County Herald.

3. **Present:**

James Burke
Robert Causey
Gerald Flanagan
Michele Devine-Hartnett
April Howard
Haroula Rotondi

Absent:

James Farrell
Ronald Golden
Scott McCracken
Laura Stefankiewicz

4. **Also, in attendance:**

Jonathan Price, Superintendent
Dawn Cottrell, Board Secretary/SBA
Patricia Donlan, Vice-Principal
Carolyn Morey, Supervisor of Pupil Personnel

5. **FLAG SALUTE**

6. **BOARD PRESENTATION**

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NJ4S Presentation

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION - **None**

Authorization of Executive Session: to discuss a current and an ongoing matter as per N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b (1) Any matter which, by express provision of Federal Law or State statute, or rule of court shall be rendered confidential or excluded from the provisions of subsection a. of this section.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT- AGENDA ITEMS ONLY - **None**

The Board values and welcomes comments and opinions from residents. This meeting will now be open to public comments on [agenda items only]. Public Comment will be held for a total of 15 minutes. If your questions pertain to litigation, student or personnel items, please contact the Superintendent directly, after the meeting, as the Board does not discuss these matters in public. If there are items the Superintendent would like to address, he may wish to do so after all public comment has been heard.

9. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: January 5, 2026 Reorganization; January 28, 2026 Regular & Closed

10. APPROVAL OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS: January 2026

11. APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS as of November 30, 2025; December 31, 2025; and January 31, 2026, and certification of non-over expenditure of funds (roll call); acknowledgement receipt of investment report.

SECRETARY AND TREASURER'S REPORT OF November 30, 2025; December 31, 2025; and January 31, 2026, On a motion made by **Mr. Flanagan** and seconded by **Ms. Devine-Hartnett**, the board unanimously approved the Secretary and Treasurer's Report for November 30, 2025; December 31, 2025; and January 31, 2026, as per the following:

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(c)4 the Board of Education certifies that as of November 30, 2025; December 31, 2025; and January 31, 2026, and after review of the Secretary's monthly financial report (appropriations section) as presented 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. 6A:23-2.11(b) and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Haroula Rotondi, President _____

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(c)4, I certify that as of November 30, 2025; December 31, 2025; and January 31, 2026, no budgetary line item account has obligations and payments (contractual orders) which in total exceed the amount appropriated by the 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 has been over-expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(b). In accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(c)2, it is certified that there are no changes in anticipated revenue amounts and sources for the month of November 30, 2025; December 31, 2025; and January 31, 2026.

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Dawn Cottrell, Secretary _____

12. APPROVAL OF BILL LIST: February 2026

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES, TRANSFERS, FINANCIAL STATEMENTS & BILL LIST:

Motion: Mr. Flanagan

Second: Ms. Devine-Hartnett

Voting Yes:

James Burke

Robert Causey

Gerald Flanagan

Michele Devine-Hartnett

April Howard

Haroula Rotondi

Absent:

James Farrell

Ronald Golden

Scott McCracken

Laura Stefankiewicz

REPORTS**

13. BOE MEMBER REPORTS

A. Committee Reports, WHS Reports

BUSINESS**

14. CONSENT AGENDA

The following items are believed to be items of a routine nature requiring no discussion and which are to be voted upon a single roll call vote of the board of education. Any single member of the board of education may have any of the items on the consent agenda removed and placed on the other part of the agenda for discussion merely by so indicating prior to the vote to be taken on the consent agenda

- A. On the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved the 2026-2027 School Year Calendar.
- B. On the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved the North Wildwood NJQSAC DIP Approval Letter and the 2025-2026 DIP Worksheet.
- C. On the recommendation of the Superintendent, accepted a book donation during the Spring Book Fair from Crest Savings Bank.
- D. On the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved the following field trip

GRADE / GROUP	PLACE / SPEAKER	DATES
Grade 6	Baltimore	*Date change April 17, 2026

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Grade 8	New York City	*Date change April 24, 2026
All Grades	Read Across America-Crest Savings Staff and Jodie DiEduardo	March 2026-During Read Across America Week

E. Report of Drills Fire 01/22/2026 Lockdown/Active Shooter 01/08/2026.

ADDENDUM

- A. On the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved the updated 2025-2026 school year calendar.
- B. On the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved the Basketball Team's Fire Relief Fundraiser for a local family.

FINANCE

- A. On the recommendation of the Superintendent and School Business Administrator, approved submission and accept funds for the FY 2026 ESEA Consolidated Grant amendment to apply carryover funds:
 - Title I \$113,366
 - Title II \$ 17,824
 - Title IV \$ 12,063
- B. On the recommendation of the Superintendent and School Business Administrator, approved the contract renewal with Delta Dental of New Jersey from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2028.

PERSONNEL

- A. On the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved the contract of Robert Delengowski as Interim School Business Administrator/Board Secretary effective March 4, 2026 through June 30, 2026.
- B. On the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved the Purchasing Agent to award contracts up to the bid threshold, and set quotes at 15% of bid threshold amount (18A:18A-3/current Bid Threshold is \$39,000 and 15% quote is \$5,850) effective March 1, 2026.
- C. On the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved Robert Delengowski as the Public Agency Compliance Officer effective March 4, 2026 through June 30, 2026.
- D. On the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved Janet Neill as the Public Agency Compliance Officer effective March 1, 2026 through March 3, 2026.
- E. On the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved Meghan Steere as School Nurse Long-Term Substitute March 2, 2026 through the end of 2025-2026 school year at a rate of 326.09/day.
- F. On the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved Meghan Steere as Substitute School Nurse for 2025-2026 school year.
- G. On the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved Emily Rothman as Substitute School Nurse for 2025-2026 school year.
- H. On the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved the Substitute Nurse rate of pay in the amount of \$300 per day for the 2025-2026 school year effective immediately.

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POLICIES

- A. On the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved the Policy 0142.1 Nepotism.
- B. On the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved Policy 1220 Employment of Chief School Administrator.
- C. On the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved Policy and Regulation 1552 Sexual Harassment - Staff.
- D. On the recommendation of the Superintendent, abolished Policy 3362 Sexual Harassment.
- E. On the recommendation of the Superintendent, abolished Regulation 3362 Sexual Harassment of Teaching Staff Members Complaint Procedure.
- F. On the recommendation of the Superintendent, abolished Policy 4352 Sexual Harassment.
- G. On the recommendation of the Superintendent, abolished Regulation 4352 Sexual Harassment of Support Staff Members Complaint Procedure.
- H. On the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved the first reading of Policy 8310 Public Records.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND RELATED EXPENSES

NAME	PLACE	SUBJECT	DATES	COSTS

MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

Motion: Ms. Devine-Hartnett

Second: Mr. Burke

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16. BOARD COMMENTS

17. ADMIN COMMENTS

18. HARASSMENT, INTIMIDATION, BULLYING REPORTS - **None**

19. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

20. ADJOURNMENT at 6:26 p.m.

Motion: Ms. Devine-Hartnett

Second: Mr. Burke

Respectfully submitted,



Dawn Cottrell

School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

21. BOARD INFORMATION

- A. The following Board Members must complete the NJSBA Board Member Mandated Training for 2026 by December 31, 2026: James Burke, Robert Causey, Michele Devine-Hartnett, Gerald Flanagan and Haroula Rotondi
- B. School Ethics Commission 2026 Personal/Relative and Financial Disclosure Statements for returning school officials are due **April 30, 2026** and for any new school officials the deadline is within thirty (30) days of appointment or taking office.
- C. 2026-2027 School Year Calendar
- D. North Wildwood NJQSAC DIP Approval Letter 2-4-2026
- E. 25_26 N. Wildwood QSAC (Includes DIP Worksheet)

22. NEXT MEETING

March 9, 2026 Worksession meeting at 6:00 pm