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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**

**SUGGESTED MOTIONS FOR MEETING
NORTH WILDWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, MARCH 23, 2026**

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. **ROLL CALL**

PRESENT:

James Burke
Robert Causey
James Farrell
Gerald Flanagan
Ronald Golden
Michele Devine-Hartnett
April Howard
Scott McCracken
Haroula Rotondi

ABSENT:

Laura Stefankiewicz

4. **ALSO, IN ATTENDANCE**

Jonathan Price, Superintendent
Robert Delengowski, Interim Board Secretary/SBA
Patricia Donlan, Vice-Principal
Carolyn Morey, Supervisor of Pupil Personnel
Robert Belasco, Solicitor

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5. FLAG SALUTE

6. BOARD PRESENTATION

Falcon of the Month

Lori Basile MMS Falcon 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: February 26, 2026

10. APPROVAL OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS: **NONE**

11. APPROVAL OF BILL LIST: March, 2026

12. BOE MEMBER REPORTS

A. Committee Reports, WHS Reports

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES AND BILL LIST:

Motion: Mr. Farrell

Second: Mr. McCracken

Voting Yes:

James Burke

Robert Causey

James Farrell

Gerald Flanagan

Michele Devine-Hartnett

April Howard

Scott McCracken

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ABSTAIN #9 APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Ronald Golden

ABSENT:

Laura Stefankiewicz

13. 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, to approve the MMS 8th Grade Graduation date for Thursday June 18, 2026.
- B. On the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved parent chaperone, Brian Howard, to attend 6th grade field trip to Baltimore, April 17th.
- C. On the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved the Believe Kids Fundraising e-Contract commencing April 15, 2026.
- D. On the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved Anne Regan as Long-Term Substitute April 13, 2026 through end of school year 2025-2026 at rate of \$326.09/day.
- E. On the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved the following field trip

GRADE / GROUP	PLACE / SPEAKER	DATES
All Grades	NJ4S-Educating Students Regarding Age Appropriate Issues	April 16-17, 2026
All Grades/Families	Family Reading Night-donations items would be accepted to benefit Branches Outreach Center in Rio Grande	May 20, 2026

- F. Report of Drills Fire 02/27/2026 Shelter in Place (Bomb Threat) 02/18/2026.

MOTION TO TABLE 13 A:

Motion: Ms. Devine-Hartnett

Second: Mr. Causey

Voting Yes:

James Burke

Robert Causey

James Farrell

Gerald Flanagan

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Ronald Golden
Michele Devine-Hartnett
April Howard
Scott McCracken
Haroula Rotondi

ABSENT:

Laura Stefankiewicz

FINANCE

- A. On the recommendation of the Superintendent and the School Business Administrator, approved Gorman, D’Anella, and Morlok, LLC to conduct a Special Education Audit at the existing hourly agreement rate of \$185.00.
- B. On the recommendation of the Superintendent and the School Business Administrator, approved an one year contract with Vector Solutions Staff Training in the amount of \$1,699.80 commencing July 1, 2026 to replace PublicSchoolWorks Staff Training.
- C. On the recommendation of the Superintendent and School Business Administrator, approved the adoption of the Tentative Budget for FY 2026-2027:

BE IT RESOLVED that the tentative budget be approved for the 2026-2027 School Year using the 2026-2027 state aid allocation and the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary be authorized to submit the following tentative budget to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools by March 27, 2026 for approval in accordance with the statutory deadline:

	General Fund	Special Revenue	Debt Service	Total
2026-27Total Appropriations	\$10,125,122	\$1,109,846	\$373,175	\$11,608,143
Less: Anticipated Revenues	(\$2,652,300)	(\$1,109,846)	(\$126,880)	(\$3,889,026)
Taxes to be Raised	\$7,472,822	-0-	\$246,295	\$7,719,117

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, that upon recommendation of the Superintendent approved the 2026-2027 Preschool Education Aid (PEA) Program and Budget. The District will receive Preschool

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Education Aid (PEA) in the amount of \$473,220 with an Additional \$72,978 from Prior Year Carry Over

And to advertise said tentative budget in the Press of Atlantic City in accordance with the form required by the State Department of Education and according to law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a public hearing be held at the North Wildwood Board of Education meeting located in the Media Center at 1201 Atlantic Avenue, North Wildwood, NJ 08260 on April 27, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on the budget for the 2026-2027 School Year.

Capital Reserve Withdrawal

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that included in the General Fund appropriations, budget line 600 is a withdrawal from Capital Reserve - for Local Share in the amount \$200,000 Instructional Equipment, a Digital Signs. Additionally we are planning to upgrade the sports fields and the purchase of Maintenance Equipment such as a Kubota (All in One Machine) for mowing grass, snow removal and sidewalk brushing or similar machine. These projects will enhance the facilities efficiency standards determined by the Commissioner as necessary to achieve the New Jersey Student Learning Standards.

Additionally, the 2025-2026 has been revised to include a withdrawal of \$399,000 from the Capital Reserve Account for new Security Equipment which includes new Digital Security Cameras, Digital PA and Bell System and a new Visitor Management System and other equipment as recommended by our Security Consultant.

Maintenance Reserve Withdrawal

BE IT RESOLVED that as per N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-14.2(d) the General Fund appropriations include \$150,000 to be withdrawn from the Maintenance Reserve Account to be utilized for required maintenance activities as reported in the comprehensive maintenance plan pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:26-20.5.

Tuition Reserve Withdrawal

BE IT RESOLVED that the General Fund appropriations include \$126,541 to be withdrawn from the Tuition Reserve Account.

EMERGENCY RESERVE ACCOUNT

BE IT RESOLVED that the General Fund appropriations include \$150,000 to be withdrawn from the Emergency Reserve Account to be utilized for the increase in Health Benefits for the 2026-27 Budget

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Travel and Related Expense Reimbursement 2026-2027

WHEREAS, the North Wildwood Board of Education recognizes school staff and Board members will incur travel expenses related to and within the scope of their current responsibilities and for travel that promotes the delivery of instruction or furthers the efficient operation of the school district; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.3 et seq. requires Board members to receive approval of these expenses by a majority of the full voting membership of the Board and staff members to receive prior approval of these expenses by the Superintendent of Schools and a majority of the full voting membership of the Board; and

WHEREAS, the North Wildwood Board of Education established \$20,000 as the maximum travel amount for the current school year and has expended \$0.00 as of this date; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves travel and related expense reimbursements in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.3, to a maximum expenditure of \$20,000 for the 2026-2027 school year.

PERSONNEL

- A. On the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved Deana Cooper as Substitute Teacher for the 2025-2026 school year.
- B. On the recommendation of the Superintendent, regretfully accepted the retirement of David Capaldi.
- C. On the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved Stephanie Colacurcio as Substitute School Nurse for the 2025-2026 school year.
- D. On the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved a FMLA for Employee #93138 commencing March 2, 2026 through June 30, 2026 to run concurrent with days used.
- E. On the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved an intermittent FMLA for Employee #51180 commencing March 2, 2026 through June 30, 2026 to run concurrent with days used.

MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA B, C, D, E AND F, FINANCE AND PERSONNEL:

Motion: Mr. Farrell

Second: Ms. Devine-Hartnett

Voting Yes:

James Burke

Robert Causey

James Farrell

Gerald Flanagan

Ronald Golden

Michele Devine-Hartnett

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Scott McCracken
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ABSENT:

Laura Stefankiewicz

POLICIES

A. On the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the Policy
8310 Public Records.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND RELATED EXPENSES

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>DATES</u>	<u>COSTS</u>

14. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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15. BOARD COMMENTS

16. ADMIN COMMENTS

17. HARASSMENT, INTIMIDATION, BULLYING REPORTS: **NONE**

18. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

19. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 6:25 PM:

Motion: Mr. McCracken

Second: Ms. Howard

Voting Yes:

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Respectfully submitted,

Robert Delengowski
Interim School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

20. BOARD INFORMATION

- A. Retirement Letter David Capaldi
- B. Falcon Newspaper Article
- C. Believe Kids Fundraising e-Contract for Margaret Mace School
- D. The following Board Member Training needs to be completed by December 31st:
 - Haroula Rotondi - Governance 3
 - Michele M Devine-Hartnett - Governance 4
 - Gerald Flanagan - Governance 4
 - James Burke -Governance 2

21. NEXT MEETING

April 27, 2026 Regular meeting at 6:00 pm