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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**

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2026
6:00 P.M.**

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER - Board President - Haroula Rontondi

2. FLAG SALUTE - Board President - Haroula Rotondi

3. OPENING STATEMENT - School Business Administrator - Janet Neill

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 district website.

4. ROLL CALL - School Business Administrator - Janet Neill

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

ATTENDANCE

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

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5. BOARD PRESENTATION - Board President - Haroula Rotondi

~Falcon of the Month

~Spring 2026 NJSLA-A and NJSLA-S Assessment Results

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION - Board President - Haroula Rotondi

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.

Motion: _____

Second: _____

Vote: _____

Carried: _____

James Burke	_____
Robert Causey	_____
James Farrell	_____
Gerald Flanagan	_____
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RESUME PUBLIC SESSION, MOTION TO RESUME

Motion: _____

Second: _____

Vote: _____

Carried: _____

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7. PUBLIC COMMENT - AGENDA ITEMS ONLY - Board President - Haroula Rotondi

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.

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - SEPTEMBER 28, 2026 - Board President - Haroula Rotondi

MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: _____
Vote: _____

Second: _____
Carried: _____

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

9. BOE MEMBER REPORTS - Board President - Haroula Rotondi

A. Committee Reports, WHS Reports

10. GOVERNANCE/OPERATIONS - Board President - Haroula Rotondi

- A. On the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the District Nursing Plan for the school year 2026-2027.
- B. On the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the completion of the bus evacuation drill October 21, 2026.
- C. On the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the MMS Holiday Concert December 15, 2026.

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- D. On the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the 2026- 2027 Substance Abuse Screening Packet.
- E. Report of Drills Fire 09/10/2026 Security Lockdown 09/22/2026.
- F. On the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the submission of the 2027-2028 Preschool Annual Operational Plan and Projected Enrollment.
- G. On the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the following field trips:

GRADE / GROUP	PLACE / SPEAKER	DATES
Student Council	Cape Assist Peer Leadership/WW Convention Center	November 20, 2026
Kindergarten	Guest Speaker Erin Rawls from the Wetlands	May 13, 2026
Grade 8	WWHS Guidance Visit-Warrior Wagon	October 2026
Grades 6-8	Guest Speaker CMC Prosecutor's Office	November 18, 2026
Grades 7-8	Guest Speaker Jennifer Livingston-WWC Admissions and Opportunities	November 2, 2026
Grade 6	Baltimore	April 30, 2026
Grade 7	Washington DC	April 9, 2026
Grade 8	NYC	April 23, 2026
Grade 6-7 Boys	NJ4S Guest Speaker	Ongoing
Kindergarten	Boardwalk walking trip with Tram Car	May/June
Grades 6-8 Health	Guest Speaker CMCPD-"Spill the Tea"	December 7, 2026
Grades 5-8	Wildwood High School Play	December 4, 2026
Grades K-8	Guest Speaker-Chris Poulus-Kindness and Respect	December 14, 2026
Grades K-4	Guest Speaker-Cape Assist Dangers of Drug Use	October 29, 2026

- H. On the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the following Professional Development/Related Expenses:

NAME	PLACE	SUBJECT	DATES	COSTS

MOTION FOR GOVERNANCE/OPERATIONS

Motion: _____
Vote: _____

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11. CURRICULUM/INSTRUCTION - Board President - Haroula Rotondi

- A. On the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the Algebra Placement Matrix.

MOTION FOR CURRICULUM/INSTRUCTION

Motion: _____	Second: _____
Vote: _____	Carried: _____

James Burke	_____
Robert Causey	_____
James Farrell	_____
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12. POLICIES - Board President - Haroula Rotondi

- A. None.

MOTION FOR POLICIES

Motion: _____	Second: _____
Vote: _____	Carried: _____

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13. FINANCE - Board President - Haroula Rotondi

- A. Approval of Financial Statements as of **NONE**, and certification of non-over expenditure of funds (roll call); acknowledgement receipt of investment report.
- B. Approval of Bill List of October 2026.
- C. Approval of Transfer List of **NONE**.
- D. On the recommendation of the Superintendent and School Business Administrator, to approve the agreement with Vision Allison Trust, National Vision Administrators, LLC for NWBOE employees based on the NWEA Agreement. This agreement will continue to be an 80% employer paid plan which began July 1, 2026 but will retain prices with no increase until December 31, 2030.
- E. On the recommendation of the Superintendent and School Business Administrator, to approve the submission of the 2026-2027, First Quarter Reimbursement Report of Nonpublic Auxiliary and Handicapped Services (Chapters 192 & 193).
- F. On the recommendation of the Superintendent and School Business Administrator, to approve an agreement with On-Tech Consulting, Inc. for E-Rate services for the 2027-2028 school year.
- G. On the recommendation of the Superintendent and School Business Administrator, to approve Dining for Dollars Fundraiser for grades 4 through 8.
- H. On the recommendation of the Superintendent and School Business Administrator, to approve Vertical Raise Online Fundraising for grade 4.
- I. On the recommendation of the Superintendent and School Business Administrator, to approve the following Federal Grant funded salaries for the 2026-2027 Fiscal Year for the following salary and % funded by each grant:
 - a. ESEA - Title I
 - a. In-Class Support Teacher - Mary Delaney \$95,423 @ 19% (\$18,130.37)
20-231-100-101-000-000
 - b. In-Class Support Teacher - Jenny Tillotson \$76,415 @ 19% (\$14,518.85)
20-231-100-101-000-000

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c. In-Class Support Teacher - Deanne Carr \$101,446 @ 19% (\$19,274.74)
20-231-100-101-000-000

J. On the recommendation of the Superintendent and School Business Administrator, to approve the Resolution urging legislative action to address unsustainable public employee health benefit costs:

WHEREAS, the North Wildwood Board of Education is committed to providing a high-quality education while serving as responsible stewards of taxpayer resources; and

WHEREAS, school districts throughout New Jersey continue to experience unprecedented increases in the cost of employee health benefits, placing significant financial strain on local budgets; and

WHEREAS, recent recommendations presented to the School Employees' Health Benefits Commission for the 2027 plan year include premium increases approaching 35 percent for active employees, following several consecutive years of substantial increases; and

WHEREAS, these escalating costs reduce the financial resources available for classroom instruction, student support services, extracurricular activities, facility improvements, technology and the recruitment and retention of qualified staff; and

WHEREAS, local boards of education have a fiduciary responsibility to maximize the value of every taxpayer dollar while maintaining quality educational programs and appropriate employee benefits; and

WHEREAS, current statutory limitations significantly restrict the ability of local boards of education and employee bargaining units to collaboratively pursue innovative, cost-effective health benefit solutions that meet the needs of both employees and taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, meaningful reform requires a collaborative effort among the State, school districts, employee organizations and other stakeholders to develop a sustainable long-term solution to rising health care costs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the North Wildwood Board of Education respectfully urges the Governor, the New Jersey Legislature, the School Employees' Health Benefits Commission and all appropriate state agencies to take immediate action to address the escalating cost of public employee health benefits.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board requests legislative and regulatory reforms that:

- Increase local flexibility in designing and negotiating sustainable health benefit options;
- Improve transparency regarding the drivers of annual premium increases;
- Explore cost-containment strategies that preserve high-quality health care while reducing the financial burden on taxpayers and school districts; and
- Ensure that school districts have meaningful opportunities to participate in the development of future health benefit reforms.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the North Wildwood Board of Education directs the Board Secretary to forward certified copies of this Resolution to:

- Governor Mikie Sherrill;
- Senate President Nicholas P. Scutari;
- Assembly Speaker Craig J. Coughlin;
- Senator Jon M. Bramnick, 21st Legislative District;
- Assemblyman Andrew Macurdy, 21st Legislative District;
- Assemblyman Vincent M. "Vinnie" Kearney, 21st Legislative District;
- State Treasurer Elizabeth Maher Muoio;
- The New Jersey Department of the Treasury, Division of Pensions & Benefits;
- The School Employees' Health Benefits Commission (SEHBC);
- The New Jersey School Boards Association (NJSBA);
- The New Jersey Association of School Business Officials (NJASBO); and
- Such other elected officials and organizations may assist in advancing meaningful and sustainable public employee health benefit reform.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the North Wildwood Board of Education encourages other New Jersey boards of education to adopt similar resolutions in support of meaningful and sustainable health care reform for public education.

MOTION FOR FINANCE

Motion: _____
Vote: _____

Second: _____
Carried: _____

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Robert Causey	_____
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14. PERSONNEL - Board President - Haroula Rotondi

- A. On the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the tuition free continued enrollment for student SA for the remainder of the 2026-2027 school year. (see Board Info).
- B. On the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve Deana Cooper as Long Term Substitute for Mary Delaney starting December 11, 2026 with potential earlier start date November 11, 2026 or November 20, 2026. Anticipated end date is January 22, 2027.
- C. On the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve Stephen Sticco as Head Boys Basketball Coach for the 2026-2027 school year.
- D. On the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve Marianna Papazoglou as Head Girls Basketball Coach for the 2026-2027 school year.
- E. On the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve Kortnie Davidson as Assistant Volleyball Coach for the 2026-2027 school year.
- F. On the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve Becca Fuentes as Head Volleyball Coach for the 2026-2027 school year.
- G. On the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve Donna DeRitis as Assistant Cheer Coach for the 2026-2027 school year.
- H. On the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve Mary Delaney as Head Cheer Coach for the 2026-2027 school year.
- I. On the recommendation of the Superintendent, to accept the retirement of Assistant Principal, Patricia Donlan effective January 1, 2027. (See Board Info).
- J. On the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve an intermittent FMLA for Employee #51180 commencing September 25, 2026 through June 30, 2027 to run concurrent with days used.
- K. On the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve an intermittent FMLA for Employee #19324 commencing October 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027 to run concurrent with days used.
- L. On the recommendation of the Superintendent and School Business Administrator, to approve Matthew Moser as a Wildwood Catholic Academy Classroom Assistant at the rate of \$16.00 per hour using IDEA funds for the 2026-2027 school year.

MOTION FOR PERSONNEL

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Vote: _____

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15. **STUDENT RESIDENCY AND TUITION**

- A. On the recommendation of the Superintendent and School Business Administrator, to approve a student tuition contract for student SH with Ms. Samantha Howard for Quarter 2 of the 2026 2027 school year in the amount of \$625.
- B. On the recommendation of the Superintendent and School Business Administrator, to approve a student tuition contract for student LH with Ms. Samantha Howard for Quarter 2 of the 2026 2027 school year in the amount of \$625.
- C. On the recommendation of the Superintendent and School Business Administrator, to approve a student tuition contract for student MH with Ms. Samantha Howard for Quarter 2 of the 2026 2027 school year in the amount of \$625.
- D. On the recommendation of the Superintendent and School Business Administrator, to approve a student tuition contract for student BR with Ms. Mary Rulon for Quarter 2 of the 2026 2027 school year in the amount of \$625.
- E. On the recommendation of the Superintendent and School Business Administrator, to approve a student tuition contract for student AP with Ms. Anjita Patel for Quarter 2 of the 2026 2027 school year in the amount of \$625.
- F. On the recommendation of the Superintendent and School Business Administrator, to approve a student tuition contract for student KP with Ms. Anjita Patel for Quarter 2 of the 2026 2027 school year in the amount of \$625.
- G. On the recommendation of the Superintendent and School Business Administrator, to approve a student tuition contract for student DS with Mr. Stephen Sticco for Quarter 2 of the 2026 2027 school year in the amount of \$625.
- H. On the recommendation of the Superintendent and School Business Administrator, to approve a student tuition contract for student JS with Mr. Stephen Sticco for Quarter 2 of the 2026 2027 school year in the amount of \$625.
- I. On the recommendation of the Superintendent and School Business Administrator, to approve a student tuition contract for student TD with Ms. Chelsea DiTonno for Quarter 2 of the 2026 2027 school year in the amount of \$625.
- J. On the recommendation of the Superintendent and School Business Administrator, to approve a student tuition contract for student VB with Ms. Caitlin Barnebei for Quarter 2 of the 2026 2027 school year in the amount of \$625.

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- K. On the recommendation of the Superintendent and School Business Administrator, to approve a student tuition contract for student VD with Ms. Gabrielle Davis for Quarter 2 of the 2026 2027 school year in the amount of \$625.
- L. On the recommendation of the Superintendent and School Business Administrator, to approve a student tuition contract for student FD with Ms. Gabrielle Davis for Quarter 2 of the 2026 2027 school year in the amount of \$625.
- M. On the recommendation of the Superintendent and School Business Administrator, to approve a student tuition contract for student BG with Ms. Caroline Rankovic for Quarter 2 of the 2026 2027 school year in the amount of \$625.
- N. On the recommendation of the Superintendent and School Business Administrator, to approve a student tuition contract for student GD with Ms. Katerina Kakouli for Quarter 2 of the 2026 2027 school year in the amount of \$625.
- O. On the recommendation of the Superintendent and School Business Administrator, to approve a student tuition contract for student TM with Ms. Kate Adams for Quarter 2 of the 2026 2027 school year in the amount of \$625.
- P. On the recommendation of the Superintendent and School Business Administrator, to approve a student tuition contract for student PM with Ms. Kate Adams for Quarter 2 of the 2026 2027 school year in the amount of \$625.
- Q. On the recommendation of the Superintendent and School Business Administrator, to approve a student tuition contract for student MD with Ms. Andrea Dubens for Quarter 2 of the 2026 2027 school year in the amount of \$625.
- R. On the recommendation of the Superintendent and School Business Administrator, to approve a student tuition contract for student EK with Mr. Zachary Kenish for Quarter 2 of the 2026 2027 school year in the amount of \$625.
- S. On the recommendation of the Superintendent and School Business Administrator, to approve a student tuition contract for student KC with Mr. Kenneth Cramer for Quarter 2 of the 2026 2027 school year in the amount of \$625.
- T. On the recommendation of the Superintendent and School Business Administrator, to approve a student tuition contract for student NC with Ms. Lisa Collins for Quarter 2 of the 2026 2027 school year in the amount of \$625.
- U. On the recommendation of the Superintendent and School Business Administrator, to approve a student tuition contract for student MD with Ms. Andrea Dubins for Quarter 2 of the 2026 2027 school year in the amount of \$625.
- V. On the recommendation of the Superintendent and School Business Administrator, to approve a student tuition contract for student CW with Ms. Kirby Wales for Quarter 2 of the 2026 2027 school year in the amount of \$625.

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16. BOARD COMMENTS - Board President - Haroula Rotondi

Haroula Rotondi needs to complete Governance 3 by 12/31/2026

Michele Devine-Hartnett needs to complete Governance 4 by 12/31/2026

Gerald Flanagan needs to complete Governance 4 by 12/31/2026

James Burke needs to complete Governance 2 by 12/31/2026

ELECTION DAY - NOVEMBER 3RD!

17. ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS - Board President - Haroula Rotondi

A. Patricia Donlan

B. Carolyn Morey

18. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT - Superintendent - Jonathan Price

19. CLOSE SESSION - Superintendent - Jonathan Price

20. HARASSMENT, INTIMIDATION, BULLYING REPORTS - Superintendent - Jonathan Price

A. HIB 2026-2026-01

Motion: _____

Second: _____

Vote: _____

Carried: _____

James Burke	_____
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21. ADJOURNMENT - Board President - Haroula Rontondi

Motion: _____

Second: _____

Vote: _____

Carried: _____

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James Farrell	_____
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22. **BOARD INFORMATION**

- A. NWSD Nursing Plan 2026-2027.
- B. Continued enrollment request for student SA
- C. Donlan Retirement Notice
- D. Substance Abuse Screening Packet 2026-2027
- E. Algebra Placement Matrix
- F. Bus Evacuation Form

23. **NEXT MEETING**

November 16, 2026 Regular meeting at 6:00 pm