

LOWER CAPE MAY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
October 28, 2026
AGENDA

1. Call to order.
2. Roll call.
3. Pledge of Allegiance.
4. Correspondence.
5. Committee Reports and Member Comments:
 - I. Finance (10-19-26 minutes) /Negotiations
 - II. Curriculum (10-15-26 minutes) /Personnel/Affirmative Action
 - III. Policy/Public Relations/Articulation/Safety & Security
 - IV. Building & Grounds/Transportation/Athletics & Extra Curricular
 - V. NJSBA/Legislative/County School Board

6. Accept questions and comments from the public on agenda items.

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7. Dr. Teeney - Presentation on Dynamic Learning Map (DLM) and NJ Student Learning Assessment (NJSLA).

Mr. Mallett - LCMR HS and RMT Health & Safety Survey (HSS).

8. Staff Reports (HS, RMT).
9. Approve the work session & regular meeting minutes from the September 23, 2026 Board of Education meeting (9-23-26 minutes).

10. CONSENT AGENDA: The following items are believed to be of a routine nature requiring no discussion, to be voted upon by a single roll call vote of the Board of Education. Any single member of the Board of Education may have any of these items removed for discussion by so indicating, prior to the vote to be taken on the consent agenda:

FINANCE

- a. Approve Preliminary Monthly Budget Summary Report for the 2026-2027 school year through August 31, 2026, pending audit. Pursuant to N.J.A.C.6A:23-2.11(c).3 the Board Secretary certifies that as of August 31, 2026 no budgetary line item account has obligations and payments (contractual orders) which in total exceed the amount appropriated by the district Board of Education pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(a) (FIN A).
- b. Approve Board Secretary Report for August 2026, pending audit. Pursuant to N.J.A.C.6A:23-2(c)4 the Board of Education certifies that as of August 31, 2026, after review of the Secretary's monthly financial report (appropriations section) and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials, to the best of our 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 (FIN B).
- c. Approve the August 2026 Bank Reconciliation Report, in agreement with the August 2026 Board Secretary Report, pending audit (FIN C).
- d. Approve transfers made by the Superintendent pursuant to Title 18A:22-8.1.
- e. Approve payment of bills (Brought to meeting).
- f. Approve list of out of district staff development workshops and professional development activities (FIN F).
- g. Approve list of field trip requests (FIN G).
- h. Approve the following school fundraising activities (FIN H).
- i. Approve the calendar for the 2027/28 Budget Preparation Timelines (FIN I).
- j. Approve submission of the Annual Maintenance budget (M1 form) and Comprehensive Maintenance Plan to the county office (FIN J).
- k. Approve the Board Secretary to process any November 2026 Bills prior to the December Board Meeting.
- l. Approve the following resolution for submission of the District Performance Review (DPR) for the New Jersey Quality Single Accountability Continuum for the 2026-2027 school year (FIN L).

Whereas, the Lower Cape May Regional Board of Education in the County of Cape May is undergoing evaluation under NJ QSAC for the 2026-2027 school year, and

Whereas, N.J.A.C. 6A:30-3.2 (f) requires participating school districts to hold a public meeting to approve the submission of the District's DPR responses with respect to the process, and

Whereas, the Lower Cape May Regional Board of Education in the County of Cape May has reviewed the district's DPR responses and hereby approves these documents.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Lower Cape May Regional Board of Education does hereby authorize the Superintendent of Schools to submit the attached to the NJ Department of Education in compliance with the provisions of N.J.A.C. 6A:30-3.2 (f).

- m. Approve to close-out the 2022 HVAC/RMT Roof Bond Project which included \$600,000 of Capital Reserve was appropriated to complete the project. The remaining balance of \$216,682.46 of Capital Reserve Funds that were not used will be placed back into the Capital Reserve account.
- n. Approve the cancellation of the outstanding checks in the Student Activity Account and the Athletic Activity through December 31, 2025.
- o. Approve a Resolution to renew its membership in the Southern Coastal Employee Benefits Fund and approve the Indemnity and Trust Agreement with the Southern Coastal Employee Benefits Fund (FIN O).
- p. Approve the authorization for records disposal to be shredded as per State guidelines with State approval.
- q. Approve the agreement with the Educational Service Unit to provide Teacher of the Deaf services at an hourly rate of \$165 with a destination charge of \$621.50 per visit (one day/week for two hours).
- r. Approve Kurt Himstedt and Holly Saini to attend/participate in the USDA Food Conference in Edison, NJ on December 3, 2026. Cost not to exceed \$150 each.
- s. Approve the tuition contract for student 2875001253 to attend Burlington County Special Services at \$69,394.00 and the One-on-One Teacher Assistant at \$56,269.00 for a total cost of \$125,663.00 for the 2026-2027 school year.

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- t. Approve the tuition contract for student 1874868605 to attend Creative Achievement, an Archway Programs for the 2026-2027 school year at a total cost of \$87,708.11.
- u. Approve the tuition contract for student 4330604958 to attend Yale School East for the 2026-2027 school year at a cost of \$87,748.50.
- v. Approve the Joint Transportation agreement with BCSSSD SEU to transport one Lower Cape May Regional School District student to BCSSD in Westampton, NJ from 7/06/26 – 07/31/2026 on Route ESYJ23 for the sum total of \$4,555.85.
- w. Approve the use of 5 buses/drivers to transport the USCG to the Veterans parade in Lower Township on November 7, 2026. All further arrangements will be coordinated with JoAnn Laputka.
- x. Approve the use of 1 bus/driver to transport the West Cape May Elementary School on October 26, 2026. All further arrangements will be coordinated with JoAnn Laputka.
- y. Approve the reimbursement of 15.5 unused vacation days per the contract for Shaun Clark.
- z. Approve the reimbursement request of Tara O'Brien for 3 credits to New Jersey Center for Teaching and Learning in the amount of \$576.00 as per contract.
- aa. Approve the reimbursement request of Ray Agostini for 3 credits to Manhattan University in the amount of \$658.00 as per contract.
- bb. Approve the reimbursement request of Ray Agostini for 3 credits to Groucher College in the amount of \$800.00 as per contract.

CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

- a. Approve the following homebound case(s):

<u>CASE#</u>	<u>DATE</u>
2932103919	8/4/2026
9629724882	10/14/2026

POLICY

- a. Approve the 2nd Reading and Adoption of Policy 5516 from Strauss Esmay (POL A).
- b. Approve the School Bus Evacuation Report(s), as conducted per NJAC 6A:27-11.2.
- a. Approve the administrative actions for the following completed HIB incident(s):
HIB Identifier#(s)
9054350426
5861254171

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PERSONNEL

- a. Approve the following Substitute Teachers for the 2026-2027 school year:
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| Nicole Ervin | Judith Muraswski | Autumn McFall |
| Jordan Severino | Angelo DiBartolo | Kimberly Brand |
- b. Approve the unpaid, extended leave of absence of Joe Battle Sr. from October 13, 2026 through November 30, 2026.
- c. Approve the following as a substitute custodian for the 2026-2027 school year:
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| Corey Breslin | Eric Kutepow |
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ATHLETICS & EXTRA-CURRICULAR

- a. Approve the following Schedule C/D Positions for the 2026-2027 school year:

LCMR HIGH SCHOOL	NAME
9 th Grade Co-Class Advisor	Lilliana De La Cruz
9 th Grade Co-Class Advisor	Ranya Osman
Asst. Mock Trial	Steve Morris
Vol. Mock Trial	Barb Marino
RMT	NAME
Literacy Magazine	Dawn Dolinsky
RMTV Coordinator	Bill Caterini

- b. The following staff for the 2026-2027 school year:

LCMR	NAME
Morgan's Message	Jo Ann McLaughlin
Detentions	Eric Albert
Detentions	Ranya Osman
Parade Supervision	Barb Kimsey
Parade Supervision	Danielle Zimmer

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

- a. Approve the Cape May County Junior High Honors Band, under the direction of Bethany Wiberg, to use the high school band room (A1) to hold a rehearsal on February 8, 2027 from 6:00pm-8:30pm and the Paul W. Schmidtchen Theatre on April 9, 2027 from 9am-1:30pm and April 10, 2027 for the concert at 2pm-4pm. This is contingent upon no conflicts with our own school district activities. All further arrangements will be coordinated with Bethany Wiberg and Roy Olsen.
- b. Approve the John Walter Cape Community Band to use the High School band room on Tuesday and Thursday evenings starting September 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027 from 6:30pm-9pm. This is subject to facility availability and contingent upon no conflicts with our own school district activities. All further arrangements will be coordinated with Bethany Wiberg and Roy Olsen.

11. Consideration of additional items that may be properly presented to the Board of Education at this time.
12. Receive comments from the public in accordance with the Board of Education's policy on participation at Board meetings.

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13. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board go into closed session to discuss personnel matters, labor relations, litigation, and matters within the attorney client privilege, the general nature of which listed below and that these matters will be disclosed to the public when the particular items under discussion have been concluded: