

**LOWER CAPE MAY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
May 27, 2026
AGENDA**

1. Call to order.
2. Roll call.
3. Pledge of allegiance.
4. Correspondence.
5. Committee Reports and Member Comments:
 - I. Finance /Negotiations
 - II. Curriculum (5-12-26 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. Staff Reports (HS, RMT).
 8. Approve the work session & regular meeting minutes from the April 27, 2026 Board of Education meeting (4-27-26 minutes).

9. 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 2025-2026 school year through March 31, 2026, pending audit. Pursuant to N.J.A.C.6A:23-2.11(c).3 the Board Secretary certifies that as of March 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 March 2026, pending audit. Pursuant to N.J.A.C.6A:23-2(c)4 the Board of Education certifies that as of March 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 March 2026 Bank Reconciliation Report, in agreement with the March 2026 Board Secretary Report, pending audit (FIN C).
- d. Approve transfers made by the Superintendent pursuant to Title 18A:22-8.1 (FIN D).
- 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 to accept WJ Gross, Inc. proposal through the Camden County Education Services Commission Co-op (CCESC #66 CCEPS; Contract # FY23-01) in the amount of \$99,330 to renovate/upgrade the HS baseball field, by utilizing a DCA Local Recreation Improvement Grant of \$68,200 and was also included as part of the 2026-2027 budget.
- j. Approve to accept WJ Gross, Inc. proposal through the Camden County Education Services Commission Co-op (CCESC #66 CCEPS; Contract # FY23-01) in the amount of \$42,500 to remove, replace and reconfigure the HS Kitchen interior opening, which was included as part of the 2026-2027 budget.

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- k. Approve to accept the Delval Equipment proposal in the amount of \$138,780 to replace/upgrade the middle school boiler controls per NJSA 18A:18A-5-19 (proprietary hardware/software), which was included as part of the 2026-2027 budget.
- l. Approve the purchase of 400 Chromebooks from Dell Technologies through the NASPO National Co-op (Customer Agreement – 23026/M0483/24-TELE-71883; Contract # - C000001128033) for \$236,752, which was part of the 2026-2027 budget.
- m. Approve to accept the Siemen’s proposal in the amount of \$71,762.69 to replace/upgrade the high school heat detectors (Loops 11/12 & 15/16) per NJSA 18A:18A-5-19 (proprietary hardware/software), which was included as part of the 2026-2027 budget.
- n. Approve to accept the Bluum USA , Inc. proposal through the Ed-Data Co-op (#NJ0267) in the amount of \$65,947.55 to replace/add/upgrade surveillance cameras in the high school and middle school, which was included as part of the 2026-2027 budget.
- o. Approve to accept the H.A. DeHart Son, Inc. proposal through the Hunterdon County Education Services Commission Co-op (HCESCH-VEH-22-10) in the amount of \$217,948.84 to replace a wheelchair school bus past its useful life, which was included as part of the 2026-2027 budget.
- p. Approve the bus lease agreement with Lower Township Board of Education to lease an LCMR bus from July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027 for \$18,000 (FIN P).
- q. Approve the Settlement Agreement and Release with East Mountain School in the amount of \$45,000 (FIN Q).
- r. Approve the service contract with Continuum Autism Spectrum Alliance for the 2026-2027 school year.
- s. Approve the 2026-2027 Agreement for Homebound Instruction Services with Brookfield Schools.
- t. Approve the Gloucester County Special Services School District Cooperative Transportation Agreement for the 2025-2026 school year.
- u. Approve the rates with Educational Consultants of NJ LLC to provide translation services for the 2026-2027 school year.
- v. A motion was made to approve Carmen Alessi to provide translation services for the 26-27 school year, at a rate of \$25.00/hour.

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- w. Approve Dana Markovitz to provide Pet Therapy Services through Alliance of Therapy Dogs (ATD) for the 2026-2027 school year, pending paperwork/Certificate of Insurance (COI).
- x. Approve Roald Olsen to buy back 5 vacation days as per contract.
- y. Approve Ray Agostini to attend the Virtual AP Computer Science Principals on July 13 – July 16, 2026, at a cost not to exceed \$1,725.00.
- z. Approve the reimbursement request to Joe Battle, Jr. for the School Transportation Supervisor Certification Program for two courses (Transporting Students with Disabilities and Emergency Mgmt) in the amount of \$1,062.00.
- aa. Approve the reimbursement request to Brittany O'Donnell for 3 credits to Rowan University in the amount of \$2,630.25 as per contract.
- bb. Approve the use of 1 bus/driver to transport the Cape May City Elementary to RMT on June 9, 2026. All further arrangements will be coordinated with Jo Ann Laputka.
- cc. Approve the use of 1 bus/driver to transport the West Cape May Elementary to/from the following locations:
 - CM City Pool 6-2-2026
 - RMT 6-9-2026All further arrangements will be coordinated with Jo Ann Laputka.

CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

- a. Accept the \$5,000 Cape May County Commissioner's Youth Art Program Grant.
- b. Accept the \$45,863 Climate Literacy Innovation Opportunity Grant.
- c. Approve the following teachers for the 2026 Climate Literacy Innovation Opportunity Summer Program, paid per grant guidelines:
 - Gina Bronson Carly Crisanti Kelly Hussey Tarin Mason David Pacevich

POLICY

- a. Approve the 2nd Reading and Adoption of Transportation Policy 8600 (POL A).
- b. Approve the School Bus Evacuation Report(s), as conducted per NJAC 6A:27-11.2 (POL B).
- c. Approve the job description for Food Service Secretary (POL C).
- d. Approve the administrative actions for the following completed HIB incidents(s):
 - HIB Identifier#(s)
 - 6654256511
 - 9145100904

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PERSONNEL

- a. Accept Rachel Axelsson's letter of retirement as the District Speech Language Specialist, effective June 30, 2026.
- b. Accept Joell Worster's letter of retirement as the Director of Special Education, Pupil Personnel and Support Services, effective September 1, 2026.
- c. Accept Margie Franco's letter of retirement as Confidential Secretary, effective September 1, 2026.
- d. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve for hire Robert Ohlsen as the Teacher of Culinary at the LCMR High School, BA+30 Step 10 with benefits, effective September 1, 2026.
- e. Approve Brittany O'Donnell to move from BA+15 with Longevity Step 17 with benefits to MA with Longevity Step 17 with benefits on the salary guide, effective June 1, 2026.
- f. Approve the medical leave of absence of Dawn Dolinsky using sick days from April 27 – June 19, 2026.
- g. Approve the placement request of Lindsey Hunter for student teaching at RMT under the supervision of Lindsey Harner from September 8, 2026- December 18, 2026.
- h. Approve Paula Heiman as a Bus Aide for the 2026-2027 school year.
- i. Approve Jimmy Kenny as a DCF Bus Driver for the 2026-2027 school year.
- j. Approve Eric Kutepow as a Substitute Bus Aide for the 2025-2026 school year.

ATHLETICS & EXTRA-CURRICULAR

- a. Accept the resignation of Emily Giambona as the 2029 Co-Class Advisor.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

Nothing to report

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

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12. 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: