NORTH BRUNSWICK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
Board Minutes
Conference Public Meeting, Wednesday, September 30, 2026
Linwood Campus – 6:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order

2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

3. Board President, Ms. Toth, called the Conference Public Meeting of the North Brunswick Board of Education to order at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was held at the Board Office, Linwood Campus. This meeting of the North Brunswick Township Board of Education is being recorded and broadcast via YouTube.

   On a roll call, the following members were present: Ms. Cepeda, Ms. James, Mr. Liguori, Dr. Patel, Ms. Sinha, Ms. Toth, Mr. Wen (late 6:06 pm)
   Absent: Mr. Carter, Mr. Singh

   Present: Interim Superintendent, Dr. Zychowski, and Business Administrator, Ms. Hock

4. Board President's 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 interests is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Law, the public notice of this meeting, which included the time, date, and location was distributed by 3:00 p.m. Wednesday, January 28, 2026, in the following manner:

   a. Posted on the Bulletin Board reserved for announcements in the Board Office, 25 Linwood Place, North Brunswick, NJ 08902.

   b. Mailed to the Home News Tribune, Star-Ledger, NJ.com, and the Clerk of the Township of North Brunswick.

   c. Delivered to the nine (9) duly elected board members.

5. Presentations:

   a. Memorial Service was held for Gloria Gonzalez, former BOE President led by Dr. Zychowski and Ms. Toth.

   A motion was made by Ms. James and seconded by Mrr. Liguori to break for a short recess.

   The results of the motion were:
   Aye: Ms. Cepeda, Ms. James, Mr. Liguori, Dr. Patel, Ms. Sinha, Ms. Toth, Mr. Wen
   Nay: None
   Absent: Mr. Carter, Mr. Singh

   A motion was made by Mr. Wen and seconded by Ms. Cepeda to open the meeting at 7:20 pm.

   The results of the motion were:
   Aye: Ms. Cepeda, Ms. James, Mr. Liguori, Dr. Patel, Ms. Sinha, Ms. Toth, Mr. Wen
   Nay: None
   Absent: Mr. Carter, Mr. Singh

6. Review of Agenda for October 7, 2026

7. Public Session on Agenda Items Only:

8. A motion was made by Mr. Liguori and seconded by Ms. Sinha to close the public portion of the meeting.

The results of the motion were:
Aye: Ms. Cepeda, Ms. James, Mr. Liguori, Dr. Patel, Ms. Sinha, Ms. Toth, Mr. Wen
Nay: None
Absent: Mr. Carter, Mr. Singh

9. A motion was made by Mr. Liguori and seconded by Ms. James to approve the following Finance items:

a. approve submission of an application to the NJDOE School Lead Filters Program and acceptance of associated reimbursement funds, in an amount not to exceed $8,257.13, for eligible filtered water station costs.

b. accept the FY2027 Teach STEM Classes in Nonpublic Schools grant from the New Jersey Department of Education in the amount of $24,278.80 for Dorothy LaMar to provide up to 260 hours of STEM instruction at Rabbi Pesach Raymon Yeshiva during the period July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027.

The results of the motion on roll call were:
Aye: Ms. Cepeda, Ms. James, Mr. Liguori, Dr. Patel, Ms. Sinha, Ms. Toth, Mr. Wen
Nay: None
Absent: Mr. Carter, Mr. Singh

10. A motion was made by Mr. Wen and seconded by Ms. Cepeda to approve the following Miscellaneous items:

a. approve the submission of the 2026-2027 Annual School Plans for Linwood School and NBTMS.

The results of the motion on roll call were:
Aye: Ms. Cepeda, Ms. James, Mr. Liguori, Dr. Patel, Ms. Sinha, Ms. Toth, Mr. Wen
Nay: None
Absent: Mr. Carter, Mr. Singh

11. Public Session on Any Matter: Gil Frances, Township resident inquired about the recent reporting of children being lured and communication with parents.

A motion was made by Ms. Cepeda and seconded by Dr. Patel to close the public portion of the meeting.

The results of the motion were:
Aye: Ms. Cepeda, Ms. James, Mr. Liguori, Dr. Patel, Ms. Sinha, Ms. Toth, Mr. Wen
Nay: None
Absent: Mr. Carter, Mr. Singh

12. Motion To Go Into Closed Session:

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231 PL.1975 permits the Exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and
WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presented exist;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the North Brunswick Township Board of Education that the public shall be excluded from discussion of and action upon the hereinafter specified subject matters.
The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows:

1. Attorney/Client Privilege

It is anticipated at this time that the above-stated subject matter shall be made Public at such time as the need for non-disclosure no longer exists. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

A motion was made by Ms. Cepeda and seconded by Mr. Liguori to go into closed session at 7:36 p.m.

The results of the motion were:
Aye: Ms. Cepeda, Ms. James, Mr. Liguori, Dr. Patel, Ms. Sinha, Ms. Toth, Mr. Wen
Nay: None
Absent: Mr. Carter, Mr. Singh

13. Open Session:

A motion was made by Mr. Wen and seconded by Ms. Sinha that the meeting be returned to open session at 7:49 p.m.

The results of the motion were:
Aye: Ms. Cepeda, Ms. James, Mr. Liguori, Dr. Patel, Ms. Sinha, Ms. Toth, Mr. Wen
Nay: None
Absent: Mr. Carter, Mr.Singh

14. A motion was made by Ms. James and seconded by Mr. Wen to approve the execution of a Joint Compromise Settlement Agreement and Mutual General Release between the North Brunswick Township Board of Education (“Board”) and the Township of North Brunswick (”Township”), which have previously participated in the investigation, remediation, and litigation related to the former North Brunswick Landfill and environmental conditions. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board authorizes the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to execute all necessary documents to effect immediately.

WHEREAS, the North Brunswick Township Board of Education (“Board”) and Township of North Brunswick (“Township”) have previously participated in the investigation, remediation, and litigation related to the former North Brunswick Township Landfill and environmental conditions associated therewith; and

WHEREAS, the Board and the Township entered into an Interlocal Services Agreement dated February 20, 2004 and an Amended and Restated Interlocal Services Agreement dated June 20, 2005 concerning environmental investigation and remediation activities; and

WHEREAS, the Board, the Township, and Bristol-Myers Squibb Company subsequently entered into a Remediation Trust Fund Agreement (“RTFA”) in 2007 for purposes of resolving and funding matters related to landfill contamination; and

WHEREAS, the RTFA matter was resolved in 2024; however, certain claims, obligations, and responsibilities remained outstanding between the Township and Board relating to the former landfill, environmental remediation activities, and related financial obligations; and

WHEREAS, the Board Attorney and special environmental counsel have negotiated a Joint Compromise Settlement Agreement and Mutual General Release ("Settlement Agreement") intended to fully and finally resolve such matters, subject to the specific reservations, exclusions, and continuing obligations contained therein; and

WHEREAS, the Settlement Agreement provides for the Township to undertake certain continuing obligations relating to environmental remediation and regulatory compliance, while resolving outstanding claims and obligations between the parties; and

WHEREAS, the Board has agreed to provide access to its property as necessary for remediation activities and to cooperate with regulatory filings and approvals, to the extent that the Board's provision of such access and cooperation is specifically required by the terms and conditions contained in the Settlement Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the terms of the proposed Settlement Agreement have been reviewed with the Board Attorney, in closed session pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act under the attorney-client privilege and pending litigation exceptions; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the North Brunswick Township Board of Education, as follows:

1. The Board President and the Board's Business Administrator/Board Secretary are hereby authorized and directed to execute the Joint Compromise Settlement Agreement and Mutual General Release between the Board and the Township.

2. The Board's Superintendent of Schools, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, and Board Attorney, and all other appropriate Board officials are hereby authorized to undertake all actions necessary to implement and effectuate the terms and conditions of the Settlement Agreement.

3. The Board hereby acknowledges that the Settlement Agreement resolves all claims between the Board and the Township relating to the former municipal landfill and RTFA matters, except for those matters expressly reserved within the Settlement Agreement.

4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

The results of the motion on roll call were:
Aye: Ms. Cepeda, Ms. James, Mr. Liguori, Dr. Patel, Ms. Sinha, Ms. Toth, Mr. Wen
Nay: None
Absent: Mr. Carter, Mr. Singh

15. A motion was made by Mr. Liguori and seconded by Ms. James to approve the award RJB Environmental, Inc. EUS RFP.

WHEREAS, RJB Environmental, Inc. submitted a proposal dated September 16, 2026 for EUS/RFP 27-02, District-Wide Referendum Abatement Environmental Consultant Services, with an estimated project total of $109,500.00; and

WHEREAS, the proposal has been reviewed by the Administration and determined to be responsive and responsible;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby awards the contract for District-Wide Referendum Abatement Environmental Consultant Services to RJB Environmental, Inc.,

in the estimated contract amount of $109,500.00, to be billed at the rates in its Fee Proposal for actual work performed only, subject to final review of all required documents and execution of a formal agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board authorizes the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to execute all necessary documents to effectuate this contract pending attorney review.

The results of the motion on roll call were:
Aye: Ms. Cepeda, Ms. James, Mr. Liguori, Dr. Patel, Ms. Sinha, Ms. Toth, Mr. Wen
Nay: None
Absent: Mr. Carter, Mr. Singh

16. **Adjournment:**

A motion was made by Ms. Cepeda and seconded by Dr. Patel that the meeting be adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

The results of the motion were:
Aye: Ms. Cepeda, Ms. James, Mr. Liguori, Dr. Patel, Ms. Sinha, Ms. Toth, Mr. Wen
Nay: None
Absent: Mr. Carter, Mr. Singh



Rosa Hock, Business Administrator/Board Secretary