

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
Long Valley, NJ 07853

September 8, 2026

Board of Education Meeting Agenda
Long Valley Middle School Performing Arts Center
7:00 p.m. – public portion of the meeting to begin

[Board Goals](#)

CALL TO ORDER

STATEMENT OF MEETING NOTICE

Adequate notice of this meeting was given to the public 48 hours in advance of the date setting forth the date, time, location and type of meeting. Notice was sent to the *Daily Record*, the *Observer Tribune*, and the Washington Township clerk, and was posted on the district website at www.wtschools.org. All please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- Legal, negotiation and personnel matters

PRESIDENT’S COMMENTS

SUPERINTENDENT’S COMMENTS

CORRESPONDENCE

Emails from:

- G. Moss
- J. Drake
- L. Hunter
- M. Riggs

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Education Committee - August 21, 2026

Finance & Facilities Committee - August 31, 2026

Personnel Committee

Communications & Governance Committee

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Welcome to this evening's meeting of the Washington Township Schools Board of Education. This portion of the meeting agenda affords community members to comment on items appearing on this evening's agenda. If you have a question on an agenda item, school district personnel may answer at that moment or will get back to you later with the information. Please note that in order to make a comment on an agenda item, the board president must first recognize you. During this period of comment, the board president will invite meeting attendees to form a line directly behind the microphone. Please state your name and address before making your comment. Thank you for your interest in your school district!

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- August 11, 2026 regular meeting minutes
- September 3, 2026 special meeting minutes

IT IS HEREBY MOVED, UPON RECOMMENDATION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT, THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVE THE FOLLOWING:

Education

1. Motion to approve field trips for the 2026-2027 school year as presented.
2. Motion to approve submission of the Professional Development Plan Statement of Assurance and the District Mentoring Plan Statement of Assurance for the 2026-2027 school year to the Department of Education.

Finance

3. Motion to accept check journal as presented.
4. Motion to approve budget transfers as presented.
5. Motion to accept the REPORT OF THE SECRETARY for the month of July and acknowledge the certification made by the board secretary in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c)3 that, as of the date of the report no budgetary line item account has obligations and payments which in total exceed the amount appropriated by the district board of education and further, in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23-16.10(c)4, the Washington Township Board of Education certifies that, after review of the secretary's monthly financial reports (appropriation section) and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials, to the best of its knowledge, no major account or fund has been over-expended and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.
6. Motion to approve the following related service providers for the 2026-2027 school year:

Student #	Provider	Service	Rate	Hours	Total
P/K	Epic Special Education Staffing	Speech-Language Specialist	n/a	n/a	\$41,755.20
200000129	Bayada Home Health Services	RN services	\$72.00	1,395	\$100,440.00
14047235	Shore Orientation and Mobility	orientation/mobility services	200.00	36	\$7,200.00

7. Appoint Right to Know Contact Person - RESOLVED, that the Washington Township Board of Education, in the County of Morris, New Jersey, appoints Scott Lazier as the Right-to-Know contact person effective September 8, 2026 through June 30, 2027, without additional compensation.

8. Appoint Indoor Air Quality Coordinator - RESOLVED, that the Washington Township Board of Education appoint Scott Lazier as Indoor Air Quality Coordinator in accordance with State Law effective September 8, 2026 through June 30, 2027, without additional compensation.
9. Appoint Integrated Pest Management Coordinator - RESOLVED, that the Washington Township Board of Education appoint Scott Lazier as Integrated Pest Management coordinator in accordance with State Law effective September 8, 2026 through June 30, 2027, without additional compensation.
10. Appoint Asbestos/AHERA Coordinator - RESOLVED, that the Washington Township Board of Education appoint Scott Lazier as AHERA Program Manager to carry out the duties required under AHERA (Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act) effective September 8, 2026 through June 30, 2027, without additional compensation.
11. Motion to renew contract with Fairmount Services for district snow plowing services for the 2026-2027 school year.
12. Motion to approve award of contract to Lakeland Bus Lines for ski club field trip transportation for the 2026-2027 school year. Lowest quote received.
13. Motion to dispose of obsolete equipment as presented.
14. Motion to approve district travel for the 2026-2027 school year as follows:

Name	Event	Date	Location	Not to Exceed
Jeanette Ezeta	Community Resources	Sept. 18, 2026	Morris Plains	\$0
Mitch Schlesinger	Athletic Scheduling Meeting	Oct. 7, 2026	Randolph	\$0
Alexis Antonov	School Nurse Symposium 2026	Oct. 12, 2026	Livingston	\$0
Stefanie Fracasso	Connecting Speech to Function: A	Oct. 12, 2026	Allamuchy	\$125.00 each
Julia Marinaccio	Clinical Intro to Orofacial			
Kelsey Boyle	Myofunctional Disorders	Oct. 12, 2026	Allamuchy	\$125.00
Girolama Painter	FMLA At Mercer	Oct. 14, 2026	Edison	\$159.00
Jessica Ewer	PGD-School Nurse Symposium 2026	Oct. 12, 2026	Livingston	\$0
Taryn Condron				
Tara Taggart				
Christine Draghi	PGD-The International Dyslexia Assoc. 41st Annual Fall Conference	Oct. 16, 2026	East Brunswick	\$270.00 each
Erica Sonzogni				
Stacy Davies				
Jessica Ewer	PGD-35th Annual School Health Conference	Oct. 21, 2026	Somerset	\$250.00
Kathleen Erbe	PGD-NJASPERD Lake Conference	Oct. 27, 2026	Blairstown	\$250.00

The chief school administrator, in accordance with New Jersey Law A-5, the School District Accountability Act, has reviewed the above travel expenditures and found them to be educationally necessary and fiscally prudent. Travel expenditures include all costs associated with travel including registration, with the exception of mileage which is paid according to OMB Circular and defined by state statute.

Personnel

15. Motion to accept the following resignations:

Name	Location	Position	Effective	PCR
Brittany Levitas	LVMS	Instructional Aide	8/23/2026	9102-035-1213-01
Sean Hardy	FLK	Custodial Supervisor	10/26/2026	9410-030-262-01

16. Motion to rescind the following extra-curricular stipends for the 2026-2027 school year:

Location	Assignment	Name	Years Exp.
OFRS	Playground Supervisor	Megan Presutti	10

17. Motion to fill the following posted positions (final employment status subject to receipt of requested employment information pursuant to PL 2018, c.5 for all new staff):

Name	Location	Position	Salary	Start Date	PCR/Replacing
Katherine Webber	LVMS	BI Paraprofessional	\$33,990	9/16/2026	9101-035-217-03 Mallory Bartow
Jennifer Rieck	BAC	Instructional Aide	\$14,962	9/16/2026	9102-050-217-05 Carolyn Achimovic

Extra-curricular:

Location	Assignment	Name	Years Exp.
BAC	CST Leader	Tanya Leonhardt	9
OFRS	CST leader	Hilary Harvey	16
OFRS	TREP\$	Patti Ressler	4
OFRS	Head Teacher	Frances Spino	1
OFRS	Head Teacher	Colleen Caldarola	11
District	CPI Trainer	Marisa Leyden	3
OFRS	Trout Advisor	Cathy Hoskins	1
OFRS	Playground Supervisor	Christeen Matusiewicz	4
District	Bilingual Literacy Support Teacher	Jeanette Ezeta*	7
District	Literacy Support	Meg DeFrance**	7
BAC	Literacy Support	Erica Sonzogni**	6
BAC	Literacy Support	Nadine Sciancalepore**	8
OFRS	Literacy Support	Jeanette Ezeta	7
OFRS	Literacy Support	Hayley Ovalle**	2
LVMS	Literacy Support	Nancy Rosenblatt**	5
LVMS	Literacy Support	Alicia Semeraro**	6
BAC	Lunchroom Supervisor	Debra Hille (.25)	5
BAC	Lunchroom Supervisor	Justine Snyder (.25)	3
BAC	Lunchroom Supervisor	Carissa Stark (.25)	2
BAC	Lunchroom Supervisor	Kelsey Brands (.25)	1
BAC	Lunchroom Supervisor	Meowset Abbett (.33)	2
BAC	Lunchroom Supervisor	Sandra Levitt-Wood (.33)	1
BAC	Lunchroom Supervisor	Melissa Benbrook (.33)	1
FLK	Literacy Support	Nicole Strungis	4
FLK	Literacy Support	Julie Baumann	4

*Title III Grant Funds

**Title I Grant Funds

18. Motion to fill the following posted leave replacement position:

Name	Location	Position	Start Date	PCR/Replacing
Courtney Petrocelli	BAC	BI Paraprofessional	9/1/2026-1/12/2027	9101-050-217-08

19. Motion to adjust the following Paraprofessional/Aide hours effective for the 2026-2027 school year (no health benefits):

School	Name	From Hrs/Wk	To Hrs/Wk	Revised Annual Salary	PCR
BAC	Rachel Fasilis	15	29.6	\$19,179.99	9102-050-1213-10
BAC	Faith Morrelli	25	29.6	\$20,778.32	9102-050-1213-05
BAC	Mallory Bartow	26	27	\$31,590.00	9101-050-217-11
BAC	Sarah Van Buezekom	22.5	28.6	\$20,077.02	9102-050-1213-06

20. Motion to change building location of non-certificated staff effective September 1, 2026, salary to remain the same:

Name	From	PCR	To	PCR/Replacing
Jennifer Floyd	LVMS-BI Paraprofessional	9101-035-217-02	BAC-BI Paraprofessional	9101-050-217-05 Jeri Culbert

21. Motion to approve the following Behavioral Intervention Paraprofessionals/Aides to receive Crisis Prevention Institute training at their contracted rate of pay:

Training	Name
CPI Training 8.5 hours each	Jaleel Hatcher Jolyn Schettino
CPI Refresher Course 4 hours each	Sydney MacDonough Paige Barry

22. Motion to approve Julie Hartley to receive up to 10 hours bus training for the 2026-2027 school year per the county requirement at her contracted rate of pay.

23. Motion to approve the 2026-2027 School Improvement Panel and Professional Development Committee as follows:

School Improvement Panel/Professional Development Committee			
Cucinella	Flocktown-Kossmann	Old Farmers Road	Long Valley Middle
Christopher Perruso	Christopher Marangon	Kristopher Scotto	Mark Ippolito
Daniel O'Conner	John Winsted	Patti Resslerand	Michael Mirabella
Amanda Miranda	Lauren Thompson	Remy Pisano	Meredith Abbate
Michele Sorchini	Lisa Breen	Lisa Burns	Corylynn Condron
Christine Bissell	Gina Pace	Erin English	Kyle Kays
Michael Donovan	Arlene Janusz	Rebecca Medeiros	Connie Nissel
Russell Perkalis	Kristin Compton	Katie Quigley-Shann	Stephanie Pickard
Dawn Mackenzi			Kristin Denny
Alyssa Frankosky			Christine Hollman
Colleen Jones			Kristina LeViere
			Jill Brandes

24. Motion to approve the following teams for the 2026-2027 school year:

- School Crisis Team
- Medical Emergency Response Team
- Threat Assessment Team
- Reunification Team

SCHOOL CRISIS TEAM				
District	Cucinella	Flocktown-Kossmann	Old Farmers Road	Long Valley Middle
Antonella Lind	Christopher Perruso	Christopher Marangon	Kristopher Scotto	Mark Ippolito
Katie DeRiso	Daniel O'Connor	John Winsted	Cory Lee, SRO	Michael Mirabella
Scott Lazier	Kirk Griffin, SRO	Kirk Griffin, SRO	Jackie Wartman	Cory Lee, SRO
Christopher Perruso	Nicole Drury	Sean Hardy	Colleen Caldarola	Jennifer Werneke
Christopher Marangon	Kyra McCool	Alicia Contractor	Liz Cabarle	Kristin Denny
Kristopher Scotto	Tanya Leonhardt	Jenn Rettberg	Hilary Harvey	Christine Hollman
Mark Ippolito	Kristen Olsen	Taryn Condron	Tara Taggart	Latisha Gandhi
Caralee Gately	Jessica Ewer	Alexis Antonov	Ruben Flandes	Jana Rojas
Denise Scairpon	Brian Stetter	Stacy DiMeo	Brian Shipps	Alicia Hade
Kirk Griffin, SRO	Kathleen Erbe	Gina Pace	MaryLu Costanzo	Kim Pinto
Cory Lee, SRO	Deanna Dargel	Stephen Rudzinski		William Glennon
Kim Pinto		Lisa Tasnady		Joe DeCangi
Jana Rojas				
Latisha Gandhi				

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District	Cucinella	Flocktown-Kossmann	Old Farmers Road	Long Valley Middle
Antonella Lind	Christopher Perruso	Christopher Marangon	Kristopher Scotto	Mark Ippolito
Katie DeRiso	Daniel O'Connor	John Winsted	Cory Lee, SRO	Michael Mirabella
Scott Lazier	Kirk Griffin, SRO	Kirk Griffin, SRO	Jackie Wartman	Cory Lee, SRO
Christopher Perruso	Jessica Ewer	Alexis Antonov	Ruben Flandes	Jennifer Werneke
Christopher Marangon	Kathleen Erbe	Taryn Condron	Colleen Caldarola	Jana Rojas
Kristopher Scotto	Nicole Drury	Lisa Tasnady	Hilary Harvey	Cory Condron
Mark Ippolito	Kyra McCool	Julia Baumann	Tara Taggart	Kevin Demarest
Denise Scairpon	Mary Ellen Leonard	Sue Cappello	Liz Cabarle	Kristina LeViere
Caralee Gately	Tanya Leonhardt	Nicole Strungis	Carol Sagal	Karen Meyler
Kirk Griffin, SRO	Christine Draghi	Danielle Weber	Brian Shipps	Kyle Mita
Cory Lee, SRO	Kim MacMillan	Kristin Compton	Fran Spino	Nancy Rosenblatt
Kim Pinto	Ginny Plumbo	Bonnie Hanna	Clare Hanlon	Dawn Sansevere
Jana Rojas	Amanda Miranda	Kerry Conklin	Katie Quigley-Shann	Chris Inskeep
Latisha Gandhi	Michael Donovan	Amy Gutman		Kim Pinto
	Alyssa Frankosky	Kristyn Scrimo		Alicia Hade
	Tara Postigo	Jennifer Gouse		William Glennon
	Erica Sonzogni			Joe DeCangi
	Nadine Scianclepore			
	Kristen Scrimo			

THREAT ASSESSMENT TEAM			
Cucinella	Flocktown-Kossmann	Old Farmers Road	Long Valley Middle
Christopher Perruso	Christopher Marangon	Kristopher Scotto	Mark Ippolito
Daniel O'Connor	John Winsted	Brian Shipps, SRO	Michael Mirabella
Kirk Griffin, SRO	Kirk Griffin, SRO	Cory Lee, SRO	Cory Lee, SRO
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	Stephen Rudzinski		

REUNIFICATION TEAM				
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Latisha Gandhi				Kevin Demarest
				Kristina LeViere
				William Glennon
				Joe DeCangi

25. Motion to approve/adjust the following leave:

Employee	Schedule	Location	Paid Leave to Run Concurrently with FMLA	Unpaid Leave FMLA/NJFLA	Anticipated Return
024384	A	OFRS	11/16/26-11/27/26	11/28/26-2/19/27	2/22/2027

26. Motion to approve substitutes for the 2026-2027 school year, final employment status subject to receipt of requested employment information pursuant to PL 2018, c.5 for all new staff, as follows:

Teacher	Aide
Katelin Donnelly*	Katelin Donnelly*
Larissa Forte	Larissa Forte
Jessica Morgan*	
Daniel O'Connell	
Joseph Bracuti*	
Megan Bolger*	

**approved pending completion of criminal background check*

Policy

27. Motion to read for the second time and approve the following [policies](#):

Type	Number	Name	New/ Revised
ByLaw	0162	Notice of Board Meetings	Revised
ByLaw	0162.01	Legal Notices	New
Policy	1230	Superintendent's Duties	Revised
Policy	2200	Curriculum	Revised
Regulation	2200	Curriculum Content	Abolished
Policy	2411	Career Education and Academic Counseling	Revised
Regulation	2411	Guidance Counseling	Abolished
Policy	1643	Family Leave	Revised
Policy	5516	Student Use of Internet-Enabled Devices	Revised
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Type	Number	Name	New/ Revised
Policy	8660	Transportation by Private Vehicles-To and From School-Related Activities	Revised
Policy	8662	Transportation by Private or District Owned Vehicles-To and From School	New

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

28. Motion to approve the following resolution regarding protecting assessment accuracy and data integrity in state standardized assessments:

WHEREAS, the Washington Township Board of Education (Morris County) is dedicated to supporting early childhood and middle school student growth and ensuring that student performance data accurately reflects academic mastery rather than technological proficiency; and

WHEREAS, the Washington Township Board of Education (Morris County) believes that public school assessment data must achieve the highest standard of validity, reliability, and objective measurement to effectively guide educational policy and resource allocation; and

WHEREAS, an assessment should gauge solely student knowledge, and the physical medium of a test should never serve as a barrier to demonstrating academic achievement; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey relies heavily on digital interfaces and devices, such as Chromebooks, to administer high-stakes standardized assessments to students beginning as early as the third grade; and

WHEREAS, the use of digital testing platforms can introduce non-academic variables—such as device processing speed, typing mechanics, scrolling fatigue, varied device response times, hardware performance discrepancies, trackpad dexterity, keyboarding mechanics, digital eye strain, and screen glare—that may heavily influence student test results independent of a student’s actual academic competency; and

WHEREAS, these non-academic variables can act as uncontrolled covariates that may compromise the fidelity of student performance scores and distort student achievement metrics used to evaluate district performance; and

WHEREAS, local school districts are compelled to reallocate critical instructional hours away from foundational learning to explicitly train primary-grade students in device navigation and keyboarding skills in part to prepare students solely to navigate high-stakes testing interfaces; and

WHEREAS, The Delegate Assembly is the official policymaking body of the New Jersey School Boards Association; and

WHEREAS, Education-related policies resulting from prior Delegate Assembly and Board of Directors actions are codified in the NJSBA’s Manual of Positions and Policies on Education; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Washington Township Board of Education proposes the following additional policy language for adoption by the Delegate Assembly and inclusion in NJSBA’s Manual of Positions and Policies on Education, File Code 6147, Standards of Proficiency, Statewide Testing Program, Paragraph C:

The NJSBA believes that assessments should:

5. Isolate and measure academic achievement independently of the physical test medium, and that high-stakes data must remain uncompromised by platform-specific technical variables so as not to obfuscate the true level of student academic proficiency; and, therefore, be it further

RESOLVED, that the NJSBA shall actively advocate to the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) to conduct a comprehensive review of statewide standardized testing data, analyzing whether statistically significant performance variances exist between digital assessments and paper-based diagnostics; and, therefore, be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution be placed on the agenda for consideration at the November 21st, 2026, Delegate Assembly.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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