PENNS GROVE - CARNEYS POINT
REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
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July 7, 2026

This information is a brief overview of actions taken at the Board of Education meeting. These are not official minutes nor do they contain every detail of the meeting.

1. Approved the following minutes:
    a. June 8, 2026 – Executive Session and Regular Meeting
2. Approved fire drills and security drills for June 2026.
3. Approved the achievement of the 2025-2026 Penns Grove-Carneys Point Regional School District Goals.
4. Approved the district's Substance Abuse Prevention Program and Procedures for the 2026-2027 school year.
5. Approved to authorize the Superintendent, Director of Curriculum & Instruction and Director of Human Resources to revise, update and develop appropriate guidelines and procedures in the coordination, supervision, and implementation of the Title I, Title III, Homeless Student, Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities, and Student Enrollment and Registration programs, in accordance with the Elementary and Secondary Education Act and other applicable federal/state laws, NJDOE regulations/guidelines and board policies for the 2026-2027 school year.
6. Approved the submission of the 2026-2027 Virtual or Remote Instruction Plan for the district to the appropriate state agencies and county office.
7. Approved the Kreyco service agreement for the 2026-2027 school year.
8. Approved Leaders Matter to provide professional development for K-12 teachers and administrators.
9. Approved to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Rowan University, on behalf of its Teach South Jersey "Expanding Educator Pathways" Program, to provide incentives for apprentices to participate in the ASPIRE to Teach alternate route program to obtain licensure to teach in central and southern New Jersey.
10. Approved a partnership with Rowan University's Department of Education to participate in the National Professional Development grant titled, SABER: Supporting All Educators in Building Evidence-Based Literacy for Multilingual Readers for the 2026-2027 school year.
11. Approved the following new high school elective course for the 2026-2027 school year:

Elective Course, 5 credits	**Grade**
Principles of Biomedical Science	9-10

12. Approved home instruction for students 2025/26-53, 2025/26-54, and 2025/26-55.
13. Approved to rescind the following Rowan University student placement. The student was board approved on May 11, 2026.

Student Name	Cooperating Teacher/School	Grade Level/Content	Dates
Sofia Giovannitti	Lora Cole (General Education) Field Street School and Carli Melchiorre (Special Education) Field Street School	Inclusive Elementary Education Grade 3	Fall 2026: September 1, 2026 – December 9, 2026 Spring 2027: January 19, 2027 – May 7, 2027

14. Approved the following Rowan University student to perform their full year practicum placement in Elementary Education for the 2026-2027 school year:

Student Name	Cooperating Teacher/School	Grade Level/Content	Dates
Demi Adepoju	Alivia Muldoon (Kindergarten) Lafayette-Pershing School	Elementary Education Grade K	Fall 2026: September 1, 2026 – December 9, 2026 Spring 2027: January 19, 2027 – May 7, 2027

15. Approved the following Rowan University student to perform their full year practicum placement in School Nursing for the 2026-2027 school year:

Student Name	Cooperating Teacher/School	Grade Level/Content	Dates
Jacqueline Tighe	Eve Fenton Lafayette-Pershing School	Grades 1-3	Fall 2026: September 1, 2026 – December 17, 2026

16. Approved the following Rowan University students to perform their full year practicum placement in Inclusive Elementary and Special Education for the 2026-2027 school year:

Student Name	Cooperating Teacher/School	Grade Level/Content	Dates
Makenzie Lehto	Fortune Buonocore-Cahill (General Education) Field Street School and Grace Spaeth (Special Education) Field Street School	Inclusive Elementary Education Grade 1	Fall 2026: September 1, 2026 – December 9, 2026 Spring 2027: January 19, 2027 – May 7, 2027
Kate Martignetti	Wendy Mann (General Education) Field Street School and Allison Pompe (Special Education) Field Street School	Inclusive Elementary Education Grade 2	Fall 2026: September 1, 2026 – December 9, 2026 Spring 2027: January 19, 2027 – May 7, 2027

17. Approved the following Rowan University student to perform their full year practicum placement in Art Education - Elementary for the 2026-2027 school year:

Student Name	Cooperating Teacher/School	Grade Level/Content	Dates
Sarah Morrison	Denise Buff (Kindergarten, Grade 4 and Grade 5) Lafayette-Pershing and Paul W. Carleton Schools	Art Education Elementary Grade K, 4, and 5	Fall 2026: October 26, 2026 – December 9, 2026 Spring 2027: January 19, 2027 – March 12, 2027

18. Approved the following Rowan University students to perform their Clinical Experience Overview in Early Childhood Education – Effective Learning Environments for Diverse Children/Planning, Integrating, and Adapting Curriculum in Math and Science as listed below:

Students Names	Cooperating Teacher/Location	Grade Level/Content	Dates
Karisa Bailey Sydney Owens	Lora Cole Field Street School	3	September 15, 22, 29 October 6, 13, 20, 27 November 3, 10, 17, 2026
Megan Flath Madison Kominkiewicz	Maureen Bevis Field Street School	3	September 15, 22, 29 October 6, 13, 20, 27 November 3, 10, 17, 2026
Brianna Wallace Miranda Matuson	Jamie Wright Field Street School	2	September 15, 22, 29 October 6, 13, 20, 27 November 3, 10, 17, 2026
Emily Wechter Kaitlyn Didinger	Nicole Hogate Field Street School	2	September 15, 22, 29 October 6, 13, 20, 27 November 3, 10, 17, 2026

Angelina Rinaldi Kamryn Ellis	Michelle Walker Field Street School	1	September 15, 22, 29 October 6, 13, 20, 27 November 3, 10, 17, 2026
Kayle Snyder Lauren Fox	Kelly McIntyre Lafayette-Pershing School	K	September 15, 22, 29 October 6, 13, 20, 27 November 3, 10, 17, 2026
Samantha Phillips Cassandra Insana	Brooke Davenport Lafayette-Pershing School	K	September 15, 22, 29 October 6, 13, 20, 27 November 3, 10, 17, 2026
Breanna Long Amanda Ridenour	Cecily Austin Lafayette-Pershing School	K	September 15, 22, 29 October 6, 13, 20, 27 November 3, 10, 17, 2026
Emma Muniz Olivia Wisor	Kathryn Wratchford Lafayette-Pershing School	K	September 15, 22, 29 October 6, 13, 20, 27 November 3, 10, 17, 2026

19. Approved to amend field trips previously approved as follows:
    a. R. Fitzpatrick (PGMS), A. Venello (PGMS), K. Flowers (PGMS), J. Bruner (PGMS), and M. Craig (PGMS), together with fifty (50) Eighth Grade students to Philadelphia Academy of Music, Philadelphia, PA for the purpose of experiencing a live performance of "The Outsiders" – 05/27/2026 – All costs covered by a grant through Salem County Council of Education Association (SCCEA). The grant did not cover transportation costs. Amend to change transportation costs of $974.01 to account 11-000-270-512-MS-0-C-00.
    b. R. Tyson (PGMS), B. Griffith (PGMS), and H. Wolf (PGMS), together with forty (40) Gifted and Talented and Community Based Instruction students to Cape May Zoo, Cape May Courthouse, NJ for the purpose of learning about zoo animals and socially interacting with peers – 06/10/2026 (Rain Date – 06/15/2026) - $324.67 (transportation). Amend to adjust transportation to the correct cost of $649.44 to account 11-000-270-512-MS-0-C-00.
20. Approved and/or ratified the following field trips:
    a. D. Hartman (PGMS), J. Ortega (PGMS), E. Burkhardt (PGMS), A. Venello (PGMS), R. Wetherall (PGMS), M. Clunn (PGMS), R. Fitzpatrick (PGMS), H. Wolf (PGMS), and L. Campbell (PGMS), together with one hundred and seventeen (117) Eighth Grade students to Sahara Sam's, West Berlin, NJ for the purpose of an end of year celebration for the Eighth grade students – 06/18/2026 – All costs for admissions and transportation are paid for by 8th Grade dues.
    b. S. Reveche (PGHS) and D. Cook (PGHS), together with ten (10) girls' basketball students to Collingswood High School, Collingswood, NJ for the purpose of participating in "Summer Shootout" -06/27/2026, 06/28/2026, 07/11/2026 and 07/12/2026 – $400.00 (admission) and $1,494.48 (transportation).

21. Approved the second reading to approve Policy No. 2200 Curriculum.
22. Approved the second reading to approve Policy No. 0162 Notice of Board Meetings.
23. Approved the second reading to approve Policy No. 0162.01 Legal Notices.
24. Approved the second reading to approve Policy No. 1643 Family Leave.
25. Approved the second reading to approve Policy No. 5461 High School Diplomas.
26. Approved the following items:
    a. Payment of bills: JUNE 2026
    b. Payment of Payroll – JUNE 2026 - $2,661,964.53
    c. Report of Transfers: MAY 202
27. Approved the Board Secretary's Reports and Reconciliation Report for the months of May 2026.
28. Approved to authorize the payment of bills between board action meetings for the 2026-2027 school year in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:19-4.1, such bills to be ratified at the next regularly scheduled Board of Education action meeting.
29. Approved to establish a bid threshold of $53,000 for the procurement of goods and services and appointed, Christina Hunt, School Business Administrator, as its duly authorized Qualified

Purchasing Agent for the Penns Grove-Carneys Point Regional Board of Education in the County of Salem, for the 2026-2027 School Year. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Christina Hunt, School Business Administrator, is hereby authorized to award contracts on behalf of the Penns Grove-Carneys Point Regional Board of Education that are in the aggregate less than 15% of the bid threshold ($7,950) without soliciting competitive quotations, and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Christina Hunt, School Business Administrator, is hereby authorized to seek competitive quotations, when applicable and practicable before awarding contracts when contracts in the aggregate exceed 15% of the bid threshold ($7,950), but less than the bid threshold ($53,000).

30. Approved to designate Fulton Bank, Pennsville National Bank and the New Jersey Cash Management Fund as the designated depositors wherein school moneys and other funds of said school district shall be deposited for the 2026-2027 school year.
31. Approved to designate the South Jersey Times as the official newspaper for the 2026-2027 school year, and the Courier Post shall be the alternate newspaper for the 2026-2027 school year.
32. Approved to appoint the firm of Phoenix Advisors, LLC, Bordentown, New Jersey for the 2026-2027 school year to provide Continued Disclosure Agent Services and is designated as the district's Independent Registered Municipal Advisor.
33. Approved to adopt the Uniform Minimum Chart of Accounts for New Jersey Public Schools and Standard Operating Procedures and Internal Controls Manual in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A:1.1, et seq. for the 2026-2027 school year.
34. Approved to authorize the Purchasing Agent to purchase certain goods or services from those approved New Jersey State Contract Vendors for the 2026-2027 school year pursuant to all conditions of the individual State contracts; and
    BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Penns Grove-Carneys Point Regional Board of Education shall certify to the availability of sufficient funds prior to the expenditure of funds for such goods or services; and
    BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the duration of the contracts between the Penns Grove-Carneys Point Regional Board of Education and the Referenced State Contract Vendors shall be from July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027 and all vendors, as approved by the NJ Department of Purchasing, Contracts/Purchasing, and the below listed Joint/Cooperative Purchasing Agreements may be utilized as the need arises.
    Joint/Cooperative Purchasing Agreements
    Alliance for Competitive Telecommunications (ACT)
    Alliance for Competitive Energy Services (ACES)
    Educational Services Commission of New Jersey (ESCNJ)
    U.S. Communities Government Purchasing Alliance
    Government Service Administration Contracts
    Salem County Cooperative Purchasing Consortium
    Ed Data Services, Inc.
    Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission
    Pittsgrove Township Schools Natural Gas Jointure Commission
    Camden County Educational Services Commission
    Somerset County Educational Services Commission
    The Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS
35. Approved to enter into a contract with Education Solution Services (ESS) for substitute services for the 2026-2027 school year.
36. Approved to appoint from July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027, to perform the listed professional services, and to receive such compensation as may be reasonable for such services. Said firms are persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession in the State of New Jersey, which practice is regulated by the Laws of the State; to wit, the professions as listed. These professional services are necessary and are required by the Board of Education.Approved the following firms to be appointed by the Board of Education of the Penns Grove-Carneys Point Regional School District from July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027, to perform the listed professional services:

Company	***Service***
Ardito and Company, LLC	School District Auditor

37. Approved to establish the following petty cash funds for the 2026-2027 school year:

		Maximum Expenditure
Penns Grove High School	$500	$150
Penns Grove Middle School	$500	$150
Paul W. Carleton School	$200	$50
Field Street School	$200	$50
Lafayette-Pershing School	$200	$50
District Office Cash	$200	$50
Food Service Department Cash Registers	$270 $330	$100

38. Approved Salem County Special Services School District (SCSSSD) to provide Related Services and Evaluations as needed for the 2026-2027 school year, contract not to exceed $56,000.00.
39. Approved the Public Donor Agreement between CFG Residentials, LLC and Penns Grove Carneys Point Regional School District.
40. Approved the Certificate of Determination and Award of the Grant Anticipation Note, Series 2026, dated July 2, 2026 in the amount of $6,478,000.00 with a maturity on July 2, 2027, numbered 2026-1 and bearing an interest rate of 3.75%, with a Net Interest Cost of 3.252% awarded to Piper Sandler and Co. The Note was issued with a premium in the amount of $43,985.63.
41. Approved to ratify the receiving tuition contract with Oldmans Township for the 2025-2026 school year (2/12/2026-6/30/2026) for the students as listed below:

Student State ID #	Sending District	Pro-rated Tuition 2/11/2026-6/30/2026	Pro-rated 1:1 Aide 2/11/2026-6/30/2026	Occupational Therapy Sessions	Speech Therapy Sessions	Total Receivable
6167442694	OLDMANS TOWNSHIP	$11,140.44	$27,587.08	$179.86	$432.00	$39,339.38

42. Approved the Out of District Placements for the 2026-2027 school year for the students as listed below:

Student State ID #	School Attending	10 Month School Year Tuition Cost	ESY Tuition Cost	1:1 Aide for 10 Month School Year	1:1 Aide for ESY	Total Cost	Acct #
423025236	ARCHBISHOP DAMIANO	$58,383	$9,730.50			$68,113.50	11-000-100-566-DW-0-0-00
770579924	DURAND, INC.	$80,472.60	$15,647.45	$43,740.00	$8,505.00	$148,365.05	11-000-100-566-DW-0-0-00
7572784307	HOLLYDELL	$98,400.60	$17,493.44			$115,894.04	11-000-100-566-DW-0-0-00
3325635834	KINGSWAY LEARNING CENTER	$70,284.60	$11,714.10	$34,200.00	$5,700.00	$121,898.70	11-000-100-566-DW-0-0-00
7705187689	YALE SCHOOL BURLINGTON	$86,508.00	$14,418.00	$56,700.00	$9,450.00	$167,076.00	11-000-100-566-DW-0-0-00
7124476653	YALE SCHOOL BURLINGTON	$86,508.00	$14,418.00			$100,926.00	11-000-100-566-DW-0-0-00

43. Approved the cancelation of the stale dated checks as identified.
44. Approved the submission and acceptance upon approval for the 2026-2027 Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) award as follow:

	FY 26-27 Award
TITLE I	$1,463,981
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TITLE IIA	$ 141,645
TITLE III	$ 62,227

	FY 26-27 Award
TITLE III - IMMIGRANT	$ 20,937
TITLE IV	$ 78,882

45. Approved the disposal of School Property.
46. Approved with regret the resignation of Crystal Houliaras, Preschool Intervention Referral Specialist (PIRS) at Lafayette-Pershing School.
47. Approved with regret the resignation of Holly Lovell, Reading Specialist at Paul W. Carleton School.
48. Approved with regret the resignation of Caroline Olsen, Fourth Grade Teacher at Paul W. Carleton School.
49. Approved with regret the resignation due to retirement of Marie Massari, 12-Month Secretary to at Field Street School.
50. Approved with regret the resignation of Colleen Flaherty, 12-Month Confidential Secretary to the Director of Curriculum and Instruction.
51. Approved with regret the resignation of Veronica Ritter, Food Service General Worker for the district.
52. Approved employment to Sage Schmidt to the position of Director of Special Services.
53. Approved employment to Lily Kalyon to the position of Preschool Teacher at Lafayette-Pershing School.
54. Approved employment to Cianna Weathers to the position of Preschool Teacher at Lafayette-Pershing School.
55. Approved employment to Mikala Evans to the position of Preschool Teacher at Lafayette-Pershing School.
56. Approved employment to Hailey Collins to the position of Preschool Teacher at Lafayette-Pershing School.
57. Approved employment to Rachel Vitale to the position of Elementary Teacher with Special Education at Field Street School.
58. Approved the employment of Amy Hoffman to the position of 10-Month Secretary at Field Street School.
59. Approved the employment of Alana Ford to the position of Instructional Aide for the district.
60. Approved the employment of Cara Merryfield to the position of Instructional Aide for the district.
61. Approved Brian Ferguson as a Business Office substitute for the district at the rate of $550.00 per day.
62. Approved Tamara Spence, School Nurse at Penns Grove Middle School, for a medical leave of absence.
63. Approved Cristina Torres, Specialist Aide at Lafayette-Pershing School, for a leave of absence.
64. Approved the use of the sick bank days of January 14, 15, and 16, 2026 and May 14, 2026 on behalf of Janna Tighe, Health and Physical Education Teacher, at the Penns Grove Middle School as approved by the sick bank committee.
65. Approved the voluntary transfer of Alexis Leuallen, Preschool Teacher, at Lafayette-Pershing School to Preschool Teacher at Lafayette-Pershing School Expansion effective September 1, 2026 at the degree and salary of BA, Step 5, $67,240.00.
66. Approved the voluntary transfer of Bianca Rivera, 10-Month Secretary, to 12-Month Secretary effective September 1, 2026 at the step and salary of Step 7, $58,557.00 (prorated).
67. Approved the salary adjustment of Laura Contarino (PGHS) from Step 14, BA+30, ($85,475.00) to Step14, MA ($86,325.00), effective July 1, 2026.
68. Approved the following additional teachers to serve as teacher representatives at Identification/Evaluation Determination Meetings, Eligibility Meetings, IEP Meetings, and other special Education Meetings from July 1, 2026, through August 28, 2026, at the rate of $40.00 per hour: Amanda Buckley, Lisa Campbell, and Yuri Song.
69. Approved Allison Venello, Benjamin Venello, Lisa DiPatri, Lauren Ferretti, and Marcus Dowe as the teachers for the 2026 Summer Program at the Penns Grove Middle School. Each member will work no more than three hours per day, Monday through Thursday beginning July 6, 2026 through July 30, 2026.
70. Approved the participation of Ryan Elliott in Project Lead the Way (PLTHW) Principles of Biomedical Science Training from August 2026 through December 2026, for up to eighty total hours at $40.00 per hour.

71. Approved the following staff for curriculum revisions or writing for the 2026-2027 school year at the posted curriculum writing rate:

Title of Curriculum	Staff Member Name	Stipend
Future Educators of America	Megan Meiler	$1000.00

72. Approved the IMSE Orton-Gillingham Plus Training for the following teachers in Grades K-5. Teachers will complete the asynchronous training by September 30, 2026. Once certified, teachers will provide turnkey training to K-5 elementary teachers under the direction of the curriculum and instruction office.

Teacher	Building	Stipend
Kelly Anne McIntyre	Lafayette-Pershing	$600
Alivia Muldoon	Lafayette-Pershing	$600
Nicole Stafford	Lafayette-Pershing	$600
Michele Walker	Field Street	$600
Fortune Cahill	Field Street	$600
Jennifer Lehr	Field Street	$600
Nicole Hogate	Field Street	$600
Alison Pompe	Field Street	$600
Kamryn Clark	Field Street	$600
Carli Melchiorre	Field Street	$600
Alexandria Hitchner	Field Street	$600
Lisa Beals	PW Carleton	$600
Erin Beal	PW Carleton	$600

73. Approved the revised job descriptions A-19 Assistant Principal – High School (12-Months), A-20 Assistant Principal – High School (10-Months), and A-97 High School Athletic Director.
74. Approved James Gramble, PGHS Athletic Trainer, for 100 hours during the month of August 2026 at the rate of pay of $40.00 per hour, not to exceed $4,000.00.
75. Approved the following B Schedule positions at the Penns Grove High School for the 2026-2027 school year:

Penns Grove High School	**Staff Name**	**Stipend**
After School Concert Band Director	Kenneth Rafter	$2,186
AV/VCR Officer	Stephen Keane	$2,436
Marching Band Director	Kenneth Rafter	$5,276
Choir Director	Antonina Miranda	$2,518
Color Guard Instruction – Full Year	Jennifer Shaw	$3,444
Dupont Academic League Advisor **SHARED**	Christie Nelson and Devon Weber	$1,393 - **SHARED**
Freshman Class Advisor	Sarah Hurley	$1,324
Future Educators of America	Megan Meiler	$1,909
Future Farmers of America	Liam Ryan	$3,547
Gifted & Talented Coordinator	Jennifer Shaw	$3,583
Honor Society Advisor	Heather Moore	$2,658
Jazz Band Director	Kenneth Rafter	$4,123
Junior Class Advisor **SHARED**	Deja Cook/ Samantha Reveche	$1,968 **SHARED**
Newspaper Advisor	Christie Nelson	$252 per issue
Play Choral Coordinator (Spring)	Antonina Miranda	$2,261
Play Coordinator (Spring)	Tajauna Shorter	$1,816
Play Costume Assistant (Spring)	Jennifer Shaw	$973
Play Director (Spring)	Devon Duffy	$2,542
Play Makeup Assistant (Spring)	Jennifer Shaw	$973
Renaissance Club Advisor	Stephen Keane	$1,838
Senior Class Advisor	Laynee Friebel	$2,671
Sophomore Class Advisor	Yeslii Hernandez Camacho	$1,523

Penns Grove High School	Staff Name	Stipend
Student Affairs Coordinator	Megan Meiler	$2,226
Student Congress Advisor	Megan Meiler	$2,014
Supply Officer	Holly Ware	$1,827
Yearbook Advisors - **SHARED**	Stephen Keane and Christie Nelson	$3,748 **SHARED**

76. Approved the following C Schedule positions at the Penns Grove High School for the 2026-2027 school year:

Penns Grove High School	Staff Name	Stipend
Cross Country, Head Coach	Michael Stec	$4,451
Boys Soccer Coach, Head	Mariano Massari	$4,803
Boys Soccer Coach, Assistant	Jesus Lopez	$3,162
Boys/Girls Soccer Coach, Assistant (shared with boys and girls)	Tyler Dorton-Beck	$3,162
Girls Soccer Coach, Head	Shawna Blickle	$4,803
Girls Soccer Coach, Assistant	Charles Weigle, III	$3,162
Girls Tennis Coach, Head	Jon Biehl	$4,451
Girls Tennis Coach, Assistant	Katie West	$3,162
Fall Cheerleading Coach, Head	Samantha Reveche	$2,440
Fall Cheerleading Coach, Assistant	Deja Cook	$530.
Football Coach, Assistant	John Rooney	$4,451
Football Coach, Assistant	Ny'len Jones	$4,451
Weight Room Supervisor	Damian Ware	$17.41 per hour
Weight Room Supervisor	John Rooney	$17.41 per hour
Weight Room Supervisor	Ny'len Jones	$17.41 per hour

77. Approved the following individuals to the list of custodial substitutes for the 2026-2027 school year at the rate of $17.00 per hour beginning July 1, 2026:

Name	Position for Substituting
Quentin Santiago	Custodian
Isaiah Ellis	Custodian

78. Approved Dayanira Cruz, 10-Month Secretary for the district to be on the substitute secretary list for the summer of 2026 at her per diem rate of pay.
79. Donaldson Hearing – Dr. Sydonie Maitland, Director of Curriculum and Instruction.
80. Approved to re-appoint Dr. Sydonie Maitland to the position of Director of Curriculum and Instruction for the 2026-2027 school year.