PENNS GROVE - CARNEYS POINT
REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
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April 27, 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. Public Budget Hearing
2. Adoption of the 2026-2027 Budget

	GENERAL FUND	SPECIAL REVENUES	DEBT SERVICE	TOTAL
2026-27 Total Expenditures	$58,162,145	$7,940,496	$458,625	$66,561,266
Less: Anticipated Revenues	$47,044,145	$7,940,496	$ - 0 -	$54,984,641
Taxes to be Raised	**$11,118,000**	**$ -0- .**	**$458,625**	**$11,576,625**

3. Student Citizen of the Month Awards
4. PGHS Student Representative – Mr. Aaron Robinson
5. Approved the following minutes:
    a. March 23, 2026 – Executive Session and Regular Meeting
6. Approved fire drills and security drills for March 2026.
7. Approved the In-District Extended School Year (ESY) program for the Penns Grove-Carneys Point School District to be held at Lafayette-Pershing School from
8. July 6, 2026, to July 30, 2026.
9. Approved participation in the Salem County Homeless Student Agreement for the 2026-2027 school year.
10. Approved the Penns Grove-Carneys Point Regional School District Test Security Plan.
11. Approved the 2nd School Bus Emergency Evacuation Drills at PGHS, PGMS, PWC, FSS, and LP.
12. Approved to contract with The Bilingual Child Study Team, with Dr. Andre J. Francois, Ph.D. to provide bilingual evaluations as part of necessary Child Study Team evaluations, as needed, not to exceed $13,200.
13. Approved to apply and accept the Funding for Optimal Comprehensive Universal Screeners (FOCUS) Continuation Grant in the amount of $5,048.
14. Approved to apply and accept the Building Responsive Instruction through Data-Guided Evaluation (BRIDGE) Continuation Grant in the amount of $30,000.
15. Approved continuation of Penns Grove Middle School's participation in the Salem County Academic League that began in the 2025-2026 school year.
16. Approved home instruction for students 2025/26-02, 2025/26-03, 2025/26-04, 2025/26-05, 2025/26-06, 2025/26-7 2025/26-08, 2025/26-09, 2025/26-10, 2025/26-11, 2025/26-12, 2025/26-13, 2025/26-14, 2025/26-15, 2025/26-16, 2025/26-17, 2025/26-18, 2025/26-19, 2025/26-20, 2025/26-21, 2025/26-22, 2025/26-23, 2025/26-24, 2025/26-25, 2025/26-26, 2025/26-27, 2025/26-28, 2025/26-

29, 2025/26-30, 2025/26-31, 2025/26-32, 2025/26-33, 2025/26-34, 2025/26-35,2025/26-36, 2025/26-37, 2025/26-38, 2025/26-39, 2025/26-40, and 2025/26-41.

17. Approved the disenrollment of student #7354581648 from the Penns Grove-Carneys Point Regional School District as per N.J.S.A. 18A:38-1(a) and N.J.A.C. 6A:22-3.4.
18. Approved the disenrollment of student #9575929394 from the Penns Grove-Carneys Point Regional School District as per N.J.S.A. 18A:38-1(a) and N.J.A.C. 6A:22-3.4.
19. Approved the following Rowan University students 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
Catrina Connolly	Cynthia Powell Field Street School	Elementary Education Grade 1	Fall 2026: September 1, 2026 – December 9, 2026 Spring 2027: January 19, 2027 – May 7, 2027
Ryane Wood	Kelly McIntyre Lafayette-Pershing School	Elementary Education Grade K	Fall 2026: September 1, 2026 – December 9, 2026 Spring 2027: January 19, 2027 – May 7, 2027

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

Student Name	Cooperating Teacher/School	Grade Level/Content	Dates
Lily Hern	Maureen Bevis Field Street School	Grade 3 Elementary Education	Fall 2026: September 1, 2026 – December 9, 2026

21. Approved the following Wilmington University graduate-level students to perform their full-year internship placement in School Counseling for the 2026-2027 school year:

Student Name	Internship Supervisor/School	Grade Level/Content	Dates
Melissa Bundy	Denise Johnson, PGMS	Grades 6-8 School Counselor	Fall Semester: September 1, 2026-December 14, 2027 Spring Semester: January 11, 2027-May 3, 2027

22. Approved and/or ratified the following workshops/seminars:
    a. C. Baynes (PWC) to attend NJ Principals and Supervisors Association/Foundation for Educational Administration (NJPSA/FEA) Legal One – (virtual) – Self-paced- $270.00
    b. T. Ford (LP), G. Lombardo (LP), E. Zarbo (LP), L. Doyle (FSS), J. Sceno (FSS), A. Davis (PWC), P. Gall (PWC), E. Mathis (PWC), D. Thomas (PWC), E. Miller (PGMS), V. Williams (PGMS), S. Hurley (PGHS), M. Ozer (PGHS), and K. West (PGHS) to attend Building Instructional Routines that Stick – Carneys Point, NJ – 3/26/2026, 4/14/2026, 4/16/2026, 4/23/2026, 4/30/2026, 5/05/2026, 5/07/2026, and 5/14/2026 – No Cost to the Board
    c. C. Baynes (PWC), V. Bucksar (LP), M. Brown (FSS), A. Cheeseman (FSS), L. Lenig (FSS), and M. Loveland (FSS) to attend Link It! Wrapping Up the Year in Intervention Manager (virtual) 4/15/2026 -No Cost to the Board
    d. S. Maitland (DO), A. DeBonis (PGMS), C. Martin (LP), D. Garry (FSS), P. Gall (PWC), F. Rowse (PGMS) and D. Hargrove (PGHS) to attend E3 Network for Educational Excellence Through Equity (virtual) 4/17/2026 -No Cost to the Board

e. J. Lehr (FSS) to attend NJEA Salem County Overnight, Atlantic City, NJ – 4/17/2026 – No Cost to the Board
f. R. Tyson (PGMS) to attend Virtual Community of Practice (VoCP) Session 4: Strategic CBI Planning on a Limited Budget (virtual) 4/21/2026 – No Cost to the Board
g. L. Lenig (FSS) and H. Lovell (PWC) to attend K-5 ELA Bridge Collaborative Session, Pilesgrove, NJ – 4/22/2026 – No Cost to the Board
h. A. Gonzalez (DO) to attend National Crime Victims' Rights Conference 2026, Salem, NJ – 4/24/2026 – No Cost to the Board
i. K. Reising (DO) to attend School Climate and Pupil Services Coordinators Roundtable 2025-2026, Blackwood, NJ – 4/24/2026 – No Cost to the Board
j. R. Moody (DO) to attend College of Education (CED) Summit/Rowan Strategic Partnership – (virtual)- 4/28/2026 – No Cost to the Board
k. A. Golden (PGHS) to attend NJ State Interscholastic Athletic Association (NJSIAA) Annual Meeting, Pemberton, NJ – 5/04/2026 – No Cost to the Board
l. G. Meister (LP) to attend Link It! Wrapping Up the Year in Intervention Manager (virtual) 5/13/2026 – No Cost to the Board
m. A. Gonzalez (DO) to attend East Coast Latino Gangs: Advanced Identification and Awareness Training – Troy Hills, NJ – 5/26/2026 - $125.00
n. A. DeBonis (PGMS), M. Craig (PGMS), D. Johnson (PGMS), and H. Wolf (PGMS) to attend Link It! Wrapping Up the Year in Intervention Manager (virtual) 6/03/2026 – No Cost to the Board
o. R. Tyson (PGMS) to attend Annual Community Based Instruction (CBI) Program Showcase (virtual) – 6/04/2026 - $99.00
p. A. Gonzalez (DO) to attend 40th Annual Police-Security Expo, Atlantic City, NJ – 6/23-24/2026 – No Cost to the Board
q. R. Moody (DO) to attend Rowan Strategic Partnership Superintendents' Convening, Glassboro, NJ – 7/15/2026 - No Cost to the Board

23. Approved and/or ratified the following field trips:
a. R. Fitzpatrick (PGMS), E. Burkhardt (PGMS) and A. Venello (PGMS), together with forty (40) students to Rutgers University, Camden, NJ for participation in visiting a university and see a performance of Little Women – 04/17/2026 – No Cost to the Board (All costs paid for by a grant)
b. PWC Fifth Grade Staff, together with one hundred and sixty-three (163) students to Penns Grove Middle School, Penns Grove, NJ for participation in Penns Grove Middle School Orientation – 4/21/2026 – No Cost to the Board – this will be a walking trip
c. B. Griffith (PGMS), and R. Tyson (PGMS), together with eight (8) students to Comcast, Philadelphia, PA for participation in sharing the robotics program with a board group of Comcast employees – 4/23/2026 – No Cost to the Board
d. D. Duffy (PGHS), and J. Shaw (PGHS), together with thirty (30) students to Walnut Street Theater, Philadelphia, PA for participation in seeing 1776 the Musical – 5/5/2026 – No Cost to the Board – admission and transportation are paid for by Walnut Street Theater
e. FSS Third Grade Staff, together with one hundred and sixty-six (166) students to Paul W. Carleton School, Penns Grove, NJ for participation in "Cruising to Carleton" Third Grade visit – 5/14/2026 - No Cost to The Board - transportation costs paid by FSS PTO
f. PWC Fourth and Fifth Grade Staff, together with one hundred and seventy students (170) students to Citizens Bank Park, Philadelphia, PA for participation in the "Weather Education Program" – 5/20/2026 - $4,400.00 (admission) and $1623.35 (transportation)
g. A. Jones (PGHS), together with two (2) students to the PGCP RSD District Office, Penns Grove, NJ for participation in completing a mural of Van Gogh Sunflowers – 5/20/2026 – No Cost to the Board – transportation provided by an approved staff member
h. FSS Second Grade Staff, together with one hundred and seventy-five (175) students to Delaware Museum of Nature and Science, Wilmington, DE for participation in exploring

science at a "living laboratory" to observe animal habitats – 5/22/2026 – No Cost to the Board – admission and transportation paid for by FSS PTO.

i. A. Jones (PGHS), T. Dorton-Beck (PGHS), and D. Scott (PGHS), together with forty (40) Gifted and Talented students to Bayshore Center, Port Norris, NJ for participation in experiencing the Delaware Bay on land and water to deepen the students understanding of science and history– 5/28/2026 - $1500.00 (admission) and $649.44 (transportation)

j. K. Rafter (PGHS), A. Miranda (PGHS), and D. Duffy (PGHS), together with fifty (50) students to Dorney Park and Wildwater Kingdom, Allentown, PA for participation in allowing the ensemble students to develop interpersonal trust and social cohesion and serves as community building incentive – 6/06/2026 - $1298.88 (transportation) and admission costs are paid for by each individual attending.

24. Approved the second reading to approve Policy No. 2530 Resource Materials.
25. Approved the second reading to approve Policy No. 2535 Library Material.
26. Approved the second reading to approve Regulation No. R2530 Resource Materials.
27. Approved the second reading to approve Regulation No. R2535 Library Materials.
28. Established $65,000 as the maximum travel expenditure for all staff and board members.
29. Approved the 2026-27 School Tax Levy Certification for the Township of Carneys Point as follows:

SUMMARY OF SCHOOL BUDGET & DISTRICT TAXES FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 2026-2027					
Accounts	Tax Levy Certified by Municipality, Commissioner or Voted	Balance of Levy From 2025-26 to be raised in 2026	Amount in Column 2 to be raised in 2026 Tax Levy	Total 2026 Tax Levy with Deferral	Amount in Column 2 deferred to 2027 Levy
(1)	**(2)**	**(3)**	**(4)**	**(5)**	**(6)**
General Fund	$9,070,965	$4,601,201	$4,535,483	$9,136,684	$4,535,482
Debt Service	$374,183	$194,272	$187,092	$381,364	$187,091
Totals	**$9,445,148**	**$4,795,473**	**$4,722,575**	**$9,518,048**	**$4,722,573**

30. Approved the 2026-27 School Tax Levy Certification for the Borough of Penns Grove as follows:

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(1)	**(2)**	**(3)**	**(4)**	**(5)**	**(6)**
General Fund	$2,047,035	$957,799	$1,023,518	$1,981,317	$1,023,517
Debt Service	$84,442	$40,440	$42,221	$82,661	$42,221
Totals	**$2,131,477**	**$998,239**	**$1,065,739**	**$2,063,978**	**$1,065,738**

31. Approved the request for tax levy from the Township of Carneys Point and the Borough of Penns Grove for the 2026-2027 School Year.
32. Approved the Preschool Education Aid (PEA) 2026-2027 Budget Workbook and Budget Narrative as submitted by the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary to the New Jersey Department of Education on March 25, 2026.
33. Approved the Preschool Education Program Head Start Contract for the 2026-2027 school year, in an amount not to exceed $453,645.
34. Approved the following items:
    a. Payment of bills: APRIL 2026, as per the attached reports
    b. Payment of Payroll – MARCH 2026 - $2,434,798.27
    c. Report of Transfers: MARCH 2026
35. Approved the Board Secretary's Reports and Reconciliation Report for the months of March 2026.
36. Approved the following DCP&P Placement as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools:

Student State ID #	School Attending	Tuition Cost	Transportation Cost	Account #
5875916798	WINSLOW TWP SCHOOL DISTRICT	$8,693.10	$619.20	11-000-100-561-DW-0-H-00 Tuition 11-000-270-512-DW-0-H-00 Transportation

37. Approved the 2025-26 Joint Transportation Agreement between Penns Grove-Carneys Point Regional School District (joiner district) and Winslow Township Board of Education (host district) to transport one student to Winslow Township High School from December 3, 2025, through June 30, 2026, in the per diem amount of $3.61.
38. Approved the following Out of District Placements, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools:

Student State ID #	School Attending	10 Month School Year Tuition Cost (prorated beginning 3/16/2026)	Shared Aide for 10 Month School Year (prorated beginning 3/16/2026)	Account #
8225670348	SCSSSD-CUMBERLAND	$20,438.89	$10,782.24	11-000-100-565-DW-0-0-00
5155115215	SCSSSD-CUMBERLAND	$20,438.89	$10,782.24	11-000-100-565-DW-0-0-00

39. Approved the purchase of services from Comcast for the renewal of internet and WAN connections for a 36-month term beginning July 1, 2026, through the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey Consortium (ESCNJ) in connection with FCC Form 470 number 240002962 and RFP #ESCNJ 23/24-19.
40. Approved to award WJ Gross, Inc. a contract under Camden County Educational Services Commission ("CCESC") Contract #CCESP#66CCEPS Contract# FY23-01 to provide Kitchen Equipment at the Penns Grove High School, Penns Grove Middle School, Paul W. Carleton School, Field Street School, and Lafayette Pershing School with said services to be completed no later than December 31, 2026.
    The total compensation to be paid to WJ Gross, Inc. shall not exceed $191,255 as set forth in their quote dated March 12, 2026.
41. Approved the renewal of the dental benefit contract with Delta Dental of New Jersey for the two (2) year period 7/1/2026 through 6/30/2028.

42. Approved to ratify the approval of the renewal of the fixed rate insured prescription drug management services with Benecard Services, LLC for the one (1) year period 1/1/2026 through 12/31/2026.
43. Approved the 2026-2027 Salem County Vocational Technical School District Host Site Agreement.
44. Approved to enter into a 2026-2027 Contract for Participation in the Salem County Cooperative Transportation Program through Gloucester County Special Services School District.
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46. Approved Brookfield Schools to provide Homebound Instructional Services as needed for the 2026-2027 school year, contract not to exceed $20,000.
47. Approved Gloucester County Special Services School District (CRESS) to provide Professional Services as needed for the 2026-2027 school year, contract not to exceed $5,000.00.
48. Approved to amend the approval of a parent transportation contract with reduced liability insurance policy for a limit of $34,000 for a McKinney Vento-eligible family to transport their three (3) children to Penns-Grove Carney Point Regional school district. Effective date of January 1, 2026, through June 23, 2026, for an amount not to exceed $8,250.
49. Approved the submission and subsequent acceptance of the Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Program Grant for the Field Street School and the Paul W. Carleton School for the 2026-2027 School Year.
50. Approved to award a contract for the 2026-2027 School Year to Frontline Education through Omnia for Software Solutions and Services; Contract (Contract #R240306). The total compensation to be paid to Frontline Education shall not exceed $102,329 (includes one-time implementation services of $29,733).
51. Approved to award a contract to Core BTS, Inc. (dba NRI) for E-Rate Catalyst Switches and Wireless Upgrades. The total contract amount is $59,237.79, E-Rate Category 2 Discount of 85% eligible of $50,352.12, Board share of non-eligible costs of $8,885.67 (represents15%).
52. Approved a Financial Services Agreement with Trafera, LLC (dba Trafera Financial Services, Inc.) for the financing of chrome books and teacher devices. The Agreement shall provide for a short-term lease term with payments due on July 1, 2026, in the amount of $466,156.00. Short-term financing was needed to secure devices due to price increases effective April 1, 2026.
53. Approved to award a contract for Instructional and Non-Instructional Technology for the 2026-2027 School Year to Trafera, LLC under TIPS contract# 230105 as follows:

QUOTE #	DESCRIPTION	PROGRAM & ACCOUNT NUMBER	TOTAL COST
E000169958	240 chromebooks, 12 laptops and 18 HP desktops and related items, service and 4-yr warranty	Preschool Expansion (FY27 Budget) 20-218-400-731-PR-0-0-00 ($151,047) 20-218-400-732-PR-0-0-00 ($5,502)	$156,549.00
E000165326	560 chromebooks, 50 laptops and docking stations for PGMS. Includes related items, services and 4-yr warranty	Local Budget (FY27) 11-190-10-610-IT-0-S-00	$298,535.00
			$455,084.00

54. Approved the ratification of a Change Order and Revised Contract Amount for the Preschool Expansion Project which was awarded to Dandrea Construction on December 16, 2024.
55. Approved to award a contract for Classroom and Office Furniture for the Preschool Expantion Site for the 2026-2027 School Year to Emerald Business Interiors under TIPS contract#230301. The

total compensation to be paid to Emerald Business Interiors not exceed $212,880.14 (includes delivery and installation fees).

56. Approved and/or ratified the following Use of Facilities:
    a. Fast Lane Track Club to use the PGMS athletic fields, courts, driveway and parking lot from April 28, 2026, through July 20, 2026, from 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm for the purpose of track and field practice.
    b. D. Morris (LP) to use the Lafayette-Pershing School gymnasium, chairs, and rugs on May 27, 2026, from 9:00 am – 11:00 am for the purpose of a recycling assembly.
    c. L. Friebel (PGHS) and the Class of 2026 to use the PGHS auditorium, athletic fields, sound system, microphones, and risers on June 23, 2026, from 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm for the purpose of graduation.
57. Approved with regret the resignation of Kimberly Lenox, School Accountant for the district.
58. Approved with regret the resignation of Gimmia Newbill, General Food Service Worker for the district.
59. Approved employment to Bailey Cohen to the position of Speech Language Specialist for the district.
60. Approved employment to Liam Ryan to the position of Agriculture Science Teacher at Penns Grove High School.
61. Approved employment to Charles Weigle III, to the position of Health and Physical Education Teacher at Penns Grove Middle School.
62. Approved the request of Regina Washington, Supervisor of STEM, for an intermittent medical leave of absence.
63. Approved the request of Samantha Senni, Special Education Teacher at Paul W. Carleton School, for a medical leave.
64. Approved the request of Ms. April Staman, School Psychologist at Field Street Elementary School, for a medical leave of absence.
65. Approved the request of Mr. Dale Fahr, Security Aide at Field Street Elementary School, for a medical leave of absence.
66. Approved the request of Ms. Kimberly Dickson, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent of Schools, for a medical leave of absence.
67. Approved to amend the medical leave of absence request of Alivia Muldoon, Elementary Teacher at Lafayette-Pershing School.
68. Approved to amend the medical leave of absence request of Diana Gary-Karr, Preschool Teacher at Lafayette Pershing School.
69. Approved to amend the medical leave of absence request of Aaron Robinson, Custodian for the district.
70. Approved to amend the leave of absence request of Kimberly Krivda, Food Service Worker for the district.
71. Approved the following teachers to serve as teacher representatives at Identification/Evaluation Determination Meetings, Eligibility Meetings, IEP Meetings, and other special Education Meetings from July 6, 2026, through August 28, 2026, at the rate of $40.00 per hour:

Dana Thomas	Jennifer Tomarchio	Marcus Dowe
Melissa Szatkowski	Victoria Bucksar	Tajauna Shorter
Michelle Schnetzler	Colleen Gilmartin	Nicole Stafford
Kimberly Gill	Fortune Buonocore-Cahill	Madison LeVine
Krislyn Cassidy	Ed Mahoney	Latika Leake
Frasier Rowse	Melissa German	Jennifer Gault

72. Approved the classroom management series professional development for the following teachers in grades K-12:

Name	Location	Name	Location
Gianna Lombardo	LP	Dana Thomas	PWC
Eileen Zarbo	LP	Emily Mathis	PWC
Tabatha Ford	LP	Earl Miller, III	PGMS

Jennifer Sceno	FSS	Victoria Williams	PGMS
Lori Doyle	FSS	Katie West	PGHS
Avery Davis	PWC	Marissa Ozer	PGHS
Pamela Gall	PWC	Sarah Hurley	PGHS

73. Approved after-school provision of ELA supports (i.e., Just Words, phonological reinforcement) for students who are entitled to compensatory services due to understaffing at the PGMS.
74. Approved Tajuana Shorter, Lauren Ferretti, and Corrine Benedetti to be Salem County Math Showcase Prep Coaches within the WIN Program for 3 times a week at the contractual rate of $40.00 an hour.
75. Approved the revised job description A-4 Assistant Business Administrator.
76. Approved Kenneth Rafter to the position of Penns Grove Middle School Jazz Band Director for the 2025-2026 school year, stipend of $1400.00.
77. Approved the following C Schedule position at the Penns Grove High School for the 2025-2026 school year:

Penns Grove High School	**Staff Name**	**Stipend**
Girls Track Coach, Head	Marcus Dowe	$4,663.00
Girls Track Coach, Assistant	Shawna Blickle	$3,070.00

78. Approved Samantha Reveche as a substitute to the position of Clock Operator for the 2025-2026 Winter Season Home Games at the rate of $45.00 per event.
79. Approved Taylor Purdue as a volunteer for the Boys Spring Track Program for the 2025-2026 school year.
80. Approved Michelle Santimaw, Secretary to the Director of Food Services, to work during the summer, on an as-needed basis, from July 1, 2026, through August 31, 2026, not to exceed (12) total days at her rate of pay per diem of $240.71.
81. Approved Michelle Santimaw to the list of secretarial substitutes for summer work only at her per diem rate of pay.
82. Approved Chinene DeLaine to the list of custodial substitutes for summer work only at the rate of $17.00 per hour.
83. Approved the Affirmative Action Committee for the 2026-2027 school year as follows:
    Lafayette – Pershing School
    Lafayette – Pershing School Principal, Andrew McFarland, Maria Mendez, and Leslie Wright
    Field Street School
    Field Street School Principal, Ethel Jones, Mariano Massari, Claudia Fernandez
    Paul W. Carleton
    Paul W. Carleton Principal, Benjamin Griffith, LaTika Leake, and Joseph Mecholsky
    Penns Grove Middle School
    Penns Grove Middle School Principal, and Denise Johnson
    Penns Grove High School
    Penns Grove High School Principal, Anwar Golden, Michael Humphreys, and Cara DiGravio