Delaware Valley Regional High School District
Board of Education

Regular Meeting – September 28, 2026

Time and Place: The regular meeting was held on September 28, 2026 by the Board of Education of the Delaware Valley Regional High School District, Hunterdon County, in the Cafeteria of the Delaware Valley Regional High School, 19 Senator Stout Road, Frenchtown, New Jersey 08825.

Sunshine Notice: In accordance with the provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, Laws of 1975, adequate and electronic notice of this meeting was provided through the public notice on January 15, 2026 by:

a. Emailing to the Star Ledger and Express Times
b. Posting on the District Website and the main bulletin board in the District Office
c. Filing via email with the Clerks of the following municipalities: Alexandria Township, Frenchtown Borough, Holland Township, Kingwood Township and Milford Borough.

Call To Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Simini.

Roll Call
Present: Marci Nardone, Vice President
Rebekkah Carney
Nicholas Hatch
Erin Pinelli
Laura Tessieri
Tanya Drake
Thomas Loughlin
William Prouty

Absent: Frank Simini III, President

District Administrators
Present: Scott McKinney, Superintendent

Absent: Teresa O'Brien, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Also Present: Stacey Cherry, Esq.
Ella Genovese and Nathan Kries, Student Representatives

Also Present: Approximately 10 students, staff and members of the community in attendance.

Vice President Nardone led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

<u>Presentations</u>
Student Recognition:

Student of the Month: Mr. Kays, Principal
Sadie Erling

Athletes of the Month:
Boys' Soccer: Sawyer Switzer, Coach Farrow
Field Hockey: Alyssa Deets, Coach Rifflard

The Arts Students of the Month:
Jasmine Ferguson, presented by TJ Hayden

School Assessment Report - Tara Civitillo, Director of Curriculum

Administrative/Staff Presentation and Report
Management Reports:

- Principal's Report - Michael Kays, Principal

- Public Hearing on Amendment of the Superintendent's Contract

Informational Items:

Public Statement for Superintendent's Contract Amendment Hearing

Chapter 53 requires boards of education to permit the public to comment on any changes or amendments to certain administrative contracts as they are renewed, amended or modified.

Tonight we are permitting comment on the contract of our Superintendent, Scott McKinney.

Mr. McKinney is our Superintendent and is responsible for the educational and operational leadership of the school district and as of October 1, 2026 will be serving in the same capacity for the Alexandria Township Board of Education.

The Superintendent may delegate duties, however, he is ultimately responsible for the results.

The board is considering an amendment to Mr. McKinney's contract effective October 1, 2026 through June 30, 2030 to reflect the services provided to Alexandria Township.

The board will, at this time, respectfully hear comments from the public on the matter of early renewal of Mr. McKinney's contract. The board, pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, shall not publicly discuss personnel matters and shall not respond to comments made by members of the public.

Please be aware that Mr. McKinney retains the right of privacy and shall retain all rights regarding defamation and slander according to the laws of New Jersey.

Action 27-070 **Superintendent Services – Alexandria Township Board of Education**

Resolution to Enter into an Agreement with the Alexandria Township Board of Education for Superintendent Services effective October 1, 2026 through June 30, 2030.

Whereas, the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq., authorizes public entities to enter into a contract with each other to subcontract any service which one of the parties to the agreement is empowered to render within its own jurisdiction including services incidental to the primary purposes of any of the participating entities; and

Whereas, both the Board and the Alexandria Township Board of Education ("Alexandria Township") are authorized to provide the services of a superintendent of schools for their respective school districts; and

Whereas, the Board and Alexandria Township believe that the services of a superintendent can be more efficiently and economically provided to their respective school districts through a joint agreement for the subcontracting of such services; and
Whereas, the Commissioner of Education, through the Hunterdon County Executive County Superintendent, has approved the plan submitted by the Board and Alexandria Township to share a superintendent pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:17-24.1; and

Whereas, the Board and Alexandria Township desire to enter into a shared services agreement wherein the services of the Board's superintendent of schools shall be subcontracted to Alexandria Township.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Board approves the attached shared services agreement with Alexandria Township for the sharing of the superintendent of schools.

Be It Further Resolved that this approval is specifically contingent upon Alexandria Township's approval and execution of the shared services agreement.

Be It Further Resolved that the Board authorizes the Board President and School Business Administrator to execute the shared services agreement on behalf of the Board and to take any other action necessary to effectuate this Resolution.

Moved by Pinelli, seconded by Loughlin. On roll call vote, resolution was Adopted as follows: ayes, 7; nays, 0; abstain, Tanya Drake.

Action 27-071 **Superintendent's Employment Contract**

Resolution to adopt the Superintendent's Employment Contract effective October 1, 2026 through June 30, 2030

Whereas, the Delaware Valley Regional High School Board of Education (hereinafter referred to as the "Board") and Scott McKinney, entered into an Employment Agreement for the term commencing July 1, 2025 and expiring June 30, 2030 (hereinafter referred to as the "Present Employment Agreement");

Whereas, the Board and the Superintendent desire to rescind the Present Employment Agreement prior to its conclusion and enter into a new Employment Agreement for a term commencing October 1, 2026 and expiring June 30, 2030 (hereinafter referred to as the "Succeeding Employment Agreement");

Whereas, this Employment Agreement has been submitted to and approved by the Executive County Superintendent according to standards adopted by the Commissioner of Education pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7-8(j); and

Whereas a public hearing on the Employment Agreement has been conducted.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Board hereby rescinds the Present Employment Agreement of Scott McKinney;

Be It Further Resolved that the Board hereby appoints Scott McKinney as the Superintendent of Schools for the Delaware Valley Regional School District for the period beginning on October 1, 2026 and expiring on June 30, 2030, in accordance with the terms of the Succeeding Employment Agreement annexed hereto and incorporated herein by reference;

Be It Further Resolved that the Board approves the attached Succeeding Employment Agreement with Scott McKinney for the position of Superintendent of Schools for the foregoing period of appointment; and

Be It Further Resolved that the Board hereby authorizes the Board President and School Business Administrator to execute the Succeeding Employment Agreement on behalf of the Board.

Moved by Pinelli, seconded by Loughlin. On roll call vote, resolution was Adopted as follows: ayes, 7; nays, 0; abstain, Tanya Drake.

Public Comment - Bylaw No. 0167 "Public Participation in Board Meetings" - No comments

Board Goals and Evaluation Calendar
2026/2027 District Goals:

1. Communicate the fiscal rationale and tax impact of a one-year referendum strategy to fund fire alarm system replacement, including any offsetting state aid. Use multiple platforms to foster strong community engagement and provide accurate information so the community can make an informed voting decision.
2. Launch the NJ School Climate Improvement Survey to collect feedback from students, staff, and families and utilize this baseline data to develop targeted action plans intended to improve school climate and culture.
3. Utilize the Profile of a Graduate to formalize and integrate the identified skills and competencies in a thoughtful and intentional manner through department meetings, curriculum planning, and professional development.

2026/2027 Proposed Board Goals:

1. Maintain financial stability and responsibility by utilizing all available municipal, state, and federal programs and grants for Education and avoiding debt wherever possible.
2. Maintain a culture of operational excellence through proactive facilities management and thoughtful, fiscally responsible updates.
3. Maintain a welcoming and inclusive culture of communication amongst fellow board members, administrators, staff, students, parents, and community members.
4. Continue new avenues in public engagement and ensure outbound BOE communication is clear.
5. The Board, via the policy committee, will build a schedule for BOE orientation, training, and development in conjunction with the NJSBA, in pursuit of effective governance.
6. Encourage sending district articulation with the goal of aligning
    a. Superintendent Communication
    b. Board President's Communication

c. Subject areas amongst district

7. Lay the framework for an Education Foundation to support DVRHS
   a. Meet with sending district foundations to avoid overlap
   b. Adopt/Review/Suggest Bylaws
   c. Suggest Goals and programs
   d. Solicit public participation

(The BOE cannot start a foundation, but we can build a framework so a member of the public is more likely to step forward and lead.)

2026/2027 Calendar for Board/CSA Evaluation:

Goals publicly affirmed by the Board…….. August 24
Action Plans presented to the Board…… Sept. 27
Updates given on progress…… Monthly
CSA completes self-evaluation
Goals/Indicators of success shared with BOE…….. April 26
Board completes BOE self-evaluation…….. April 26
Board completes Goals & Leadership Evaluation……. May 10
Both forms returned to FSR or Board President…… May 10
Analysis completed by FSR…….. May 17
Draft CSA Summary Report completed for BOE discussion…… June 7
Final CSA Summary Report completed by Board President……. June 14
Report given to CSA…….. June 14
Summary Conference (must be completed by June 30)…… June 21
Final report to public on Board Goals…… June 21

Superintendent– Scott McKinney

Informational Items:

a. Report of the Student Representative to the Board
b. District Goals Action Plan
c. Superintendent's Report
d. Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying (HIB) Monthly Incident Report for period ending September 22, 2026:

Month/Year	# of Incidents Reported	# Identified as HIB	Remediation	Discipline & Remediation	Appealed (Y/N)
June 13 – Aug 19	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
Aug 20 – Sept 17	2	1		1	
Sept 18 – Oct 22					
Oct 23 – Nov 19					
Nov 20 – Dec 17					
Dec 18 – Jan 21					

Jan 22 – Feb 18					
Feb 19 – Mar 18					
Mar 19 – April 22					
April 23 – May 6					
May 7 – June 12					
Total	2	1			

e. Short-term Suspension Report: September 23, 2026

Case #	Violation of Student Code of Conduct	Level of Infraction	Date/s of Infraction	Terms of Suspension/dates	Clearance Required
2026-01	Smoking/Possession of Tobacco/Vape Products Substance Abuse Violation	Level 4	9/15/2026	OSS: 9/15, 9/16, 9/17, 9/18, 9/21	Re-entry meeting 9/22/26
2026-02	Substance Abuse Violation	Level 4	9/16/26	OSS: 9/16, 9/17, 9/18, 9/21, 9/22	Re-entry meeting 9/23/26
2026-03	Smoking/Possession of Tobacco/Vape Products	Level 3	9/16/26	OSS: 9/16, ISS: 9/17, 9/18	Re-entry meeting 9/18/26
2026-03	Smoking/Possession of Tobacco/Vape Products Substance Abuse Violation	Level 4	9/16/26	OSS: 9/16, 9/17, 9/18, 9/21, 9/22	Re-entry meeting 9/23/26

Action 27-072 **Revised Organizational Chart**

Be It Resolved that the Board of Education approved the revised Delaware Valley Regional H.S. Organizational Chart, effective August 21, 2026. Moved by Pinelli, seconded by Prouty. On roll call vote, resolution was Adopted as follows: ayes, 7; nays, 0; abstain, Nicholas Hatch.

Action 27-073 **2026/2027 Law Enforcement Officials Memorandum of Agreement**

Be It Resolved that the Board of Education approved the Uniform State Memorandum of Agreement between Education and Law Enforcement Officials for the 2026/2027 school year. Moved by Pinelli, seconded by Prouty. On roll call vote, resolution was Adopted as follows: ayes, 7; nays, 0; abstain, Nicholas Hatch.

Action 27-074 **2026/2027 New Jersey State Police Agreement**

Be It Resolved that the Board of Education approved the Agreement between Delaware Valley Regional Board of Education and the New Jersey State Police for the 2026/2027 school year. Moved by Pinelli, seconded by Prouty. On roll call vote, resolution was Adopted as follows: ayes, 7; nays, 0; abstain, Nicholas Hatch.

School Business Administrator/Board Secretary – Teresa O'Brien
Informational Items:

- Next Regular Board of Education Meeting – October 26, 2026, 7:00 pm
- October Bill List Review – Marci Nardone
- NJSBA Convention - October 19-22, 2026

Action 27-075 **Minutes**

Be It Resolved that the Board of Education approved the following meeting minutes:

August 24, 2026 - Meeting Minutes

Moved by Prouty, seconded by Pinelli. On roll call vote, resolution was Adopted as follows: ayes, 8; nays, 0.

Board Liaison Reports

- Hunterdon County School Boards Association Representative - William Prouty
- Hunterdon County Vocational Advisory Board – Frank Simini
- Hunterdon County ESC Representative - Thomas Loughlin
- Legislative Chairperson – Erin Pinelli
- Advocating a Sustainable Funding Model Ad-Hoc Committee - Thomas Loughlin

Operations Committee – William Prouty - Chairperson, Nicholas Hatch, Laura Tessieri, Frank Simini
Informational items:
Committee Meeting Notes – August 10, 2026

Action 27-076 **2026/2027 Field Trips**

Be It Resolved that the Board of Education approved the following 2026/2027 Field Trips in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-5.8 (c):

Organization/Department	***Destination***	***Date***
Performing Arts	*New York, NY* *Flemington, NJ*	*December 2026* *November 2026*
Athletics	*Annandale, NJ*	*September 2026*
Special Education	*Bethlehem Township, NJ* *Branchburg, NJ* *Pohatcong, NJ*	*October 2026* *April 2027* *December 2026*
Fine & Practical Arts	*New York, NY*	*December 2026*
Social Studies/Art	*New York, NY*	*October 2026*

School	*Alexandria, NJ* *Holland, NJ* *Frenchtown, NJ* *Kingwood, NJ*	*October 2026*

Moved by Prouty, seconded by Hatch. On roll call vote, resolution was Adopted as follows: ayes, 8; nays, 0.

Action 27-077 **2026/2027 Overnight Field Trips**

Be It Resolved that the Board of Education approved the following 2026/2027 Overnight Field Trips in accordance with Board Policy No. 2340 and N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-5.8 (c):

Organization/Department	***Destination***	***Date***
Athletics	*Orlando, FL*	*01/27/2027 - 02/02/2027*

Moved by Prouty, seconded by Hatch. On roll call vote, resolution was Adopted as follows: ayes, 8; nays, 0.

Action 27-078 **Pupil Transportation by Private Vehicle**

Be It Resolved that the Board of Education approved the following request for pupil transportation by private vehicle in accordance with Board policy 8660:

Ignite Class - Andria Hedden
Christine Hons
Sophia Latragna
Linda McIntyre
Michael Miklosey
Jake Petro
Robert Tramo

Moved by Prouty, seconded by Hatch. On roll call vote, resolution was Adopted as follows: ayes, 8; nays, 0.

Action 27-079 **2026/2027 ESY Joint Transportation Agreement – Hunterdon Central Regional High School**

Be It Resolved that the Board of Education approved the 2026/2027 ESY Joint Transportation Agreements as indicated below. Hunterdon Central Regional School shall serve as the Lead Educational Authority and Host District:

District	***Destination***	***Route No.***	***Route Cost***
Delaware Valley Regional High School	*Hunterdon Central Regional High School*	*4151*	*$ 1,170.00*

Total			***$1,170.00***

Moved by Prouty, seconded by Hatch. On roll call vote, resolution was Adopted as follows: ayes, 8; nays, 0.

Action 27-080 **Revised 2026/2027 ESY Joint Transportation Agreement – Hunterdon County ESC**

Be It Resolved that the Board of Education approved the revised 2026/2027 ESY Joint Transportation Agreements as indicated below. Delaware Valley Regional High School shall serve as the Lead Educational Authority and Host District:

District	***Destination***	***Route No.***	***Route Cost***
Hunterdon County ESC	*Princeton Developmental Learning Inst.*	*2511*	*$ 11,691.06*
	Princeton Developmental Learning Inst.	*2511Aide*	*$ 3,093.72*
	Developmental Learning Center Warren	*2512*	*$10,343.70*
	Developmental Learning Center Warren	*2512 Aide*	*$ 2,546.10*
	Celebrate the Children	*1803*	*$12,733.95*
	Warren Glen Academy	*1820*	*$11,607.60*
	Warren Glen Academy	*1820 Aide*	*$ 3,090.00*
	Union Township Elementary School	*ESC1*	*$ 4,240.00*
	Woodglen School	*SLEB*	*$ 5,700.00*
	Woodglen School	*SLEB Aide*	*$ 1,600.00*
	Voorhees High School	*VH4*	*$ 5,800.00*
	Voorhees High School	*VH4 Aide*	*$ 1,200.00*
	CEA at South Hunterdon	*S2712*	*$ 3,750.00*
	CEA at South Hunterdon	*S2712 Aide*	*$ 1,500.00*
Total			***$78,896.13***

Moved by Prouty, seconded by Hatch. On roll call vote, resolution was Adopted as follows: ayes, 8; nays, 0.

Action 27-081 **Revised 2026/2027 Joint Transportation Agreement – Hunterdon County ESC**

Be It Resolved that the Board of Education approved the revised 2026/2027 Joint Transportation Agreements as indicated below. Delaware Valley Regional High School shall serve as the Lead Educational Authority and Host District:

District	***Destination***	***Route No.***	***Route Cost***
Hunterdon County ESC	*Celebrate the Children*	*1803*	*$99,657.00*
	Voorhees HS	*1806*	*$75,398.96*
	Warren Glen	*1820*	*$69,645.60*
	Warren Glen - Aide	*1820*	*$18,540.00*
	Somerset County VoTech	*D1829*	*$47,745.88*
	Hunterdon Prep	*2110*	*$62,069.40*
	Clinton Township Middle School	*CM05*	*$35,446.17*
	Clinton Township Middle School	*CM06*	*$35,444.17*
	Patrick McGaheran School	*CP02*	*$35,446.17*
	Patrick McGaheran School	*CP09*	*$39,831.34*
	Development Learning Center Warren	*2512*	*$62,062.20*
	Development Learning Center Warren - Aide	*2512*	*$15,276.60*
	ESC Hoffman's Crossing	*2633*	*$13,122.20*
	ESC Hoffman's Crossing 2nd run	*2633A*	*$ 4,550.00*
	North Hunterdon High School	*AS01*	*$50,050.00*
	Patrick McGaheran School	*CP05*	*$40,500.00*
	Clinton Township Middle School	*CM04*	*$40,500.00*
	Round Valley School	*CR10*	*$45,000.00*
	Clinton Township Middle School	*CM10*	*$40,500.00*
	Round Valley School	*CR01*	*$45,000.00*
	Patrick McGaheran School	*CP13*	*$35,100.00*
	Round Valley School aide	*CR10*	*$ 770.00*
Total			***$911,655.70***

Moved by Prouty, seconded by Hatch. On roll call vote, resolution was Adopted as follows: ayes, 8; nays, 0.

Action 27-082 **Disposal of Items**

Be It Resolved that the Board of Education approved the disposal of the following items:

Item	***Quantity***	***Reason***	***Donated or Disposal***
Field Hockey Bags	*43*	*Old/no longer used*	*Disposal*
Stationary Bikes	*2*	*Old/no replacement parts available*	*Disposal*

Moved by Prouty, seconded by Hatch. On roll call vote, resolution was Adopted as follows: ayes, 8; nays, 0.

Action 27-083 **Custodial/Maintenance Shared Service – Alexandria Township School District**

Be It Resolved that the Board of Education approved the Custodial/Maintenance Shared Service with Alexandria Township School District for the 2026-2027 school year at the following rates:
Custodial - $47.00 an hour
Maintenance - $65.00 an hour
Electrician - $75.00 an hour

Moved by Prouty, seconded by Hatch. On roll call vote, resolution was Adopted as follows: ayes, 8; nays, 0.

Action 27-084 **Award Contract – Wood Guide/Barrier Rail**

Be It Resolved that the Board of Education awarded a contract to Hollywood Fence, LLC to provide and install a wood guide/barrier rail along the road on each side of the retention basin in the amount of $11,432.00.
Moved by Prouty, seconded by Hatch. On roll call vote, resolution was Adopted as follows: ayes, 8; nays, 0.

Finance Committee – Laura Tessieri - Chairperson, Rebekkah Carney, William Prouty, Frank Simini
Informational Items:
Finance Committee Meeting Notes: September 14, 2026

Action 27-085 **Bill List – September 28, 2026**

Be It Resolved that the Board of Education approved the September 28, 2026, bill list as follows:

Bill List	***Amount***

General Fund 10	*1,573,069.78*
Special Revenue Fund 20	*41,888.10*
Capital Project Fund 30	*33,303.34*
Technology Fund 61	*26,467.65*
Transportation Consortium Fund 62	*469,620.90*
Administrative Shared Services Fund 63	*22,963.05*
Total	***$2,167,312.82***
Cafeteria (August)	*$2,060.10*

Moved by Tessieri, seconded by Loughlin. On roll call vote, resolution was Adopted as follows: ayes, 8; nays, 0.

Action 27-086 **Budget Transfers – August**

Be It Resolved that the Board of Education approved line item transfers dated August 1, 2026, through August 31, 2026, in the amount of $10,183.00. Moved by Tessieri, seconded by Loughlin. On roll call vote, resolution was Adopted as follows: ayes, 8; nays, 0.

Action 27-087 **August 2026 Fund Financial Report**

Be It Resolved that the Board of Education acknowledged receipt of the monthly certification of the Board Secretary for August 2026, and after review of the Board Secretary's and August 2026 Treasurer's Reports, certify no major account or fund has been over-expended in violation of N.J.A.C.6A:23A-16.10(c) 3 and 4 and that sufficient funds are available to meet the District's financial obligation for the remainder of the fiscal year and that no budgetary line-item account has been exceeded pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:22-8.1, and that no line-item account has encumbrances and expenditure, which in total exceed the line-item appropriation in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A23-2.11(a). Moved by Tessieri, seconded by Loughlin. On roll call vote, resolution was Adopted as follows: ayes, 8; nays, 0.

Action 27-088 **2027/2028 Budget Development Calendar**

Be It Resolved that the Board of Education approved the 2027/2028 budget development calendar as follows:

Distribute 2027/2028 Budget Information to Administrator……..October 5, 2026
Department Meetings with BA and Superintendent……..November/December
Preliminary Budget Requests to Business Administrator……..December 18, 2026
District Office Review and Development of Preliminary Budget .....December/January
Budget Review with Administration……..January 2027
Superintendent Submits Preliminary Budget to Finance Committee…….January 11, 2027
Finance Committee Review of Budget..... ……January/February
NJDOE Releases State Aid Notices.....February 25, 2027
Approval of Preliminary 2027/2028 Budget.....March 15, 2027
Submit Budget to Executive County Superintendent..... ……March 17, 2027
Public Hearing and Adoption of Final Budget (Tentative)..... ..April 26, 2027

Moved by Tessieri, seconded by Loughlin. On roll call vote, resolution was Adopted as follows: ayes, 8; nays, 0.

Action 27-089 **2026/2027 Special Ed Tuition Contract – Burlington County Special Services School District**

Be It Resolved that the Board of Education approved the 2026/2027 Special Education Tuition Contract Agreement with The Burlington County Special Services School District, Burlington County, NJ (student 27-010S/20 days) as follows:

ESY Tuition:	*$ 5,047.00*
Total:	***$ 5,047.00***

Moved by Tessieri, seconded by Loughlin. On roll call vote, resolution was Adopted as follows: ayes, 8; nays, 0.

Action 27-090 **2026/2027 Special Ed Tuition Contract – University Behavioral Health Care**

Be It Resolved that the Board of Education approved the 2026/2027 Special Education Tuition Contract Agreement with University Behavioral Health Care, Middlesex County, NJ (student 27-011S/182 days) as follows:

Tuition:	*$ 108,648.00*
Total:	***$ 108,648.00***

Moved by Tessieri, seconded by Loughlin. On roll call vote, resolution was Adopted as follows: ayes, 8; nays, 0.

Action 27-091 **2026/2027 Special Ed Tuition Contract – Hunterdon Preparatory School District**

Be It Resolved that the Board of Education approved the 2026/2027 Special Education Tuition Contract Agreement with Hunterdon Preparatory School District, Hunterdon County, NJ (student 27-012S/168 days) as follows:

Tuition:	*$ 63,243.60*
Total:	***$ 63,243.60***

Moved by Tessieri, seconded by Loughlin. On roll call vote, resolution was Adopted as follows: ayes, 8; nays, 0.

Action 27-092 **2026/2027 CST Evaluation Services – Burlington County Special Services School District**

Be It Resolved that the Board of Education approved a professional services contract with Burlington County Special Services School District for CST evaluation services as per the 2026/2027 Schedule of Rates, estimated value of this contract is $3,000. Moved by Tessieri, seconded by Loughlin. On roll call vote, resolution was Adopted as follows: ayes, 8; nays, 0.

Action 27-093 **2026/2027 Special Ed Tuition Contract – Gloucester County Special Services School District**

Be It Resolved that the Board of Education approved the 2026/2027 Special Education Tuition Contract Agreement with Gloucester County Special Services School District, Gloucester County, NJ (student 27-008S/180 days) as follows:

Tuition:	*$48,600*
Non-resident Fee	*$ 3,460*
Total:	***$52,060***

Moved by Tessieri, seconded by Loughlin. On roll call vote, resolution was Adopted as follows: ayes, 8; nays, 0.

Action 27-094 **Employee/Board Member Travel**

Be It Resolved that the Board of Education approved the following requests for employee/board member travel in accordance with the School District Accountability Act and Board of Education Policy. Only overnight stays are eligible for meal reimbursement. Mileage, meals, and lodging reimbursements shall be in accordance with NJ Statute, Code, and NJ Department of the Treasury Guidelines. OMB Mileage Reimbursement Rate: $0.47.

Employee/ BOE Member	***Program Title/ Location***	***Date(s)***	***Cost***	***Mileage/ Tolls***	***Lodging Total***	***Meals Total***
Tara Civitillo	*NJ Curriculum Leadership Summit Livingston, NJ*	*10/5*	*$.00*	*$46.34*	*N/A*	*N/A*
Tara Civitillo	*Expedition to the Summit: Sustainable Leaderships Monroe Township, NJ*	*10/7, 11/2 & 1/11*	*$450.00*	*$133.95*	*N/A*	*N/A*
Sarah Hall	*TCNJ PDSN: Teachers as Scholars Seminar Ewing, NJ*	*3/9 & 3/23*	*$0.00*	*$52.45*	*N/A*	*N/A*
Michael Kays	*NJ Leadership Academy Monroe, NJ*	*10/7, 11/2 & 1/11*	*$450.00*	*$133.95*	*N/A*	*N/A*
Michael Kays	*Hunterdon Co. Reunification Task Force Califon, NJ*	*9/30*	*$.00*	*$15.04*	*N/A*	*N/A*
Bessy Kapetanakis	*A.I. and Future of Work Ewing Township, NJ*	*10/27 & 11/10*	*$0.00*	*$56.40*	*N/A*	*N/A*
Britta Koep	*TCNJ PDSN: Cultivating Close Reading*	*1/5 & 1/19*	*$0.00*	*$52.45*	*N/A*	*N/A*

	Ewing, NJ					
Ashley Miranda	*NJSCA Fall Conference East Brunswick, NJ*	*10/5 - 10/6*	*$199.00*	*$78.77*	*N/A*	*N/A*
Jocelyn Moss	*HCVSD Counselor Luncheon Annandale, NJ*	*10/9*	*$.00*	*$10.43*	*N/A*	*N/A*
Jeff Scott	*Brainstorm Poconos 2026 Pocono Manor, PA*	*11/15 - 11/17*	*$715.00*	*$63.07*	*$368.42*	*$170.00*
Kyle Tinnes	*Expedition to the Summit: Sustainable Leaderships Monroe Township, NJ*	*10/7, 11/2 & 1/11*	*$450.00*	*$133.95*	*N/A*	*N/A*

Moved by Tessieri, seconded by Loughlin. On roll call vote, resolution was Adopted as follows: ayes, 8; nays, 0.

Negotiations Committee – Frank Simini – Chairperson, William Prouty, Thomas Loughlin, Marci Nardone
Informational item:

Action 27-095 **Rescind Action Item #26-472**

Be It Resolved that the Board of Education rescinded action item #26-472 adopted on June 22, 2026 due to the titles of the group of employees referenced being incorrect. Moved by Prouty, seconded by Pinelli. On roll call vote, resolution was Adopted as follows: ayes, 8; nays, 0.

Action 27-096 **Education Granting Voluntary Recognition**

Be It Resolved that the Board of Education approved the Education Granting Voluntary Recognition as follows:

Whereas, the Delaware Valley Regional Board of Education (Board) is a "public employer" within the meaning of the New Jersey Employer-Employee Relations Act, N.J.S.A. 34:13A-1 et seq. (NJEERA); and

Whereas, the Delaware Valley Regional Education Association (Association) seeks voluntary recognition from the Board under the NJEERA's regulations, specifically N.J.A.C. 19:11-3.1, to accrete all security assistants employed by the Board into the Association's existing negotiations unit; and

Whereas, the Board has satisfied itself in good faith, after a suitable check of the showing of interest, that the Association is the freely chosen representative of a majority of the employees who seek to be accreted into the Association's negotiations unit, and that such negotiations unit is an appropriate negotiations unit; and

Whereas, the Board has conspicuously posted a notice where notices to employees are normally posted for a period of at least 10 consecutive days advising all persons that it intends to grant such exclusive recognition without an election to the Association for the negotiations unit specified above; and

Whereas, there are no other majority representatives claiming an interest in representing the aforementioned security assistants; and

Whereas, another employee organization has not within the 10-day period notified the Board, in writing, of a claim to represent any of the employees in the aforementioned collective negotiations unit or has not within such period filed a valid petition for certification of public employee representative with the Director of Representation of the New Jersey Public Employment Relations Commission; and

Whereas, it is understood, by and between the Board and the Association, that such voluntary recognition shall be in writing and set forth specifically the collective negotiations unit referenced above;

Now, Therefore, the Board, on this 28th day of September, 2026 hereby voluntarily recognizes the Association as the majority representative of a negotiations unit containing its existing negotiations unit members as well as all security assistants the Board employs.

Moved by Tessieri, seconded by Loughlin. On roll call vote, resolution was Adopted as follows: ayes, 8; nays, 0.

Personnel Committee – Marci Nardone – Chairperson, Nicholas Hatch, Erin Pinelli, Frank Simini
Informational items:

It is noted that all staff appointments are at the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and that all salaries are prorated to the effective date of employment.

Action 27-097 **Retirement – Kristen Lockett**

Be It Resolved that the Board of Education accepted the retirement of Kristen Lockett, Special Education Teacher, with regret, effective January 1, 2027. Moved by Pinelli, seconded by Carney. On roll call vote, resolution was Adopted as follows: ayes, 8; nays, 0.

Action 27-098 **Resignation – Melissa Tavera**

Be It Resolved that the Board of Education accepted the resignation of Melissa Tavera, Bus Driver, with regret, effective October 15, 2026. Moved by Pinelli, seconded by Carney. On roll call vote, resolution was Adopted as follows: ayes, 8; nays, 0.

Action 27-099 **Retirement – Madelyn Trimmer**

Be It Resolved that the Board of Education accepted the retirement of Madelyn Trimmer, Bus Driver, with regret, effective April 1, 2027. Moved by Pinelli, seconded by Carney. On roll call vote, resolution was Adopted as follows: ayes, 8; nays, 0.

Action 27-100 **Rescind 2026/2027 Employment Contract – Kaitlyn Donnelly**

Be It Resolved that the Board of Education rescinded the 2026/2027 employment contract for Kaitlyn Donnelly, as Instructional Aide, 1.0 FTE, Aide Guide, Step 3, for 7.25 hours a day, at a salary of $33,907 effective on or about October 12, 2026. Moved by Pinelli, seconded by Carney. On roll call vote, resolution was Adopted as follows: ayes, 8; nays, 0.

Action 27-101 **2026/2027 Employment Contract – Kaitlyn Donnelly**

Be It Resolved that the Board of Education approved the 2026/2027 employment contract for Kaitlyn Donnelly as Leave Replacement Math Teacher, 1.0 FTE, at BS, Step 1, at a salary of $64,395, (pro-rated), beginning on or about October 13, 2026 to on or about November 17, 2026. Moved by Pinelli, seconded by Carney. On roll call vote, resolution was Adopted as follows: ayes, 8; nays, 0.

Action 27-102 **2026/2027 Employment Contract – Kaitlyn Donnelly**

Be It Resolved that the Board of Education approved the 2026/2027 employment contract for Kaitlyn Donnelly, as Instructional Aide, 1.0 FTE, Aide Guide, Step 3, for 7.25 hours a day, at a salary of $33,907, (pro-rated) beginning on or about November 18, 2026 to June 30, 2027. Moved by Pinelli, seconded by Carney. On roll call vote, resolution was Adopted as follows: ayes, 8; nays, 0.

Action 27-103 **Disability Leave of Absence – Employee #4137**

Be It Resolved that the Board of Education approved the Disability Leave of Absence for Employee #4137 beginning September 21, 2026 through October 5, 2026. Moved by Pinelli, seconded by Carney. On roll call vote, resolution was Adopted as follows: ayes, 8; nays, 0.

Action 27-104 **Intermittent Family Leave of Absence – Employee #4580**

Be It Resolved that the Board of Education approved the Intermittent Family Leave of Absence for Employee #4580 beginning August 24, 2026 through June 11, 2027. Moved by Pinelli, seconded by Carney. On roll call vote, resolution was Adopted as follows: ayes, 8; nays, 0.

Action 27-105 **Graduate Courses**

*Be It Resolved that the Board of Education approved the following request for **graduate coursework** for the 2026/2027 school year:*

Employee	***Semester***	***Course***	***Credits***
Sean Lynch	*Fall 2026*	*The Principalship*	*2*
Ashley Miranda	*Fall 2026*	*Specialization in Professional Counseling*	*3*

Moved by Pinelli, seconded by Carney. On roll call vote, resolution was Adopted as follows: ayes, 8; nays, 0.

Action 27-106 **Night Math Help Sessions**

Be It Resolved that the Board of Education approved the following teachers at $40 per hour to provide Night Math Help Sessions beginning September 2026 through June 2027 to be paid with Title I funds.

Kristen Lockett
Danielle Mestell
Ryan Murphy

Breanna Vinella

Moved by Pinelli, seconded by Carney. On roll call vote, resolution was Adopted as follows: ayes, 8; nays, 0.

Action 27-107 **2026/2027 Substitutes**

Be It Resolved that the Board of Education approved the following Substitutes for the 2026/2027 school year:

Joshua Tucker

Moved by Pinelli, seconded by Carney. On roll call vote, resolution was Adopted as follows: ayes, 8; nays, 0.

Action 27-108 **Vox Blue Arrangement – Andrew Chojnacki**

Be It Resolved that the Board of Education approved Andrew Chojnacki for Vox Blue Arrangement at a stipend of $1,280. Moved by Pinelli, seconded by Carney. On roll call vote, resolution was Adopted as follows: ayes, 8; nays, 0.

Action 27-109 **Marching Band Section Clinician – Benjamin McPherson**

Be It Resolved that the Board of Education approved Benjamin McPherson for Marching Band Section Clinician at a stipend of $750. Moved by Pinelli, seconded by Carney. On roll call vote, resolution was Adopted as follows: ayes, 8; nays, 0.

Action 27-110 **Rescind 2026/2027 Co-Curricular Club Advisor**

*Be It Resolved that the Board of Education rescinded the appointment of **Co-Curricular Club Advisor** for the 2026/2027 school year.*

Position	***Applicant***	***Year Experience***	***2026/2027 Salary***
Sport & Spirit Club	***Sarah Hall***	*0*	*$ 2,411*

Moved by Pinelli, seconded by Carney. On roll call vote, resolution was Adopted as follows: ayes, 8; nays, 0.

Action 27-111 **2026/2027 Co-Curricular Club Advisors**

*Be It Resolved that the Board of Education approved the appointment of **Co-Curricular Club Advisors** for the 2026/2027 school year.*

Position	***Applicant***	***Years Experience***	***2026/2027 Salary***
Sport & Spirit Club (split stipend)	***Sarah Hall***	*0*	*$ 1,205*

Sport & Spirit Club (split stipend)	***Jennifer DeWire***	*0*	*$ 1,205*

Moved by Pinelli, seconded by Carney. On roll call vote, resolution was Adopted as follows: ayes, 8; nays, 0.

Action 27-112 **2026/2027 Co-Curricular Club Advisor/Coach**

Be It Resolved that the Board of Education approved the employment contracts of ***Co-Curricular Advisor/Coach*** *for the 2026/2027 school year:*

Position	***Applicant***	***Years Experience***	***2026/2027 Salary***
Musical Vocal Director	***Rebecca Kornhaber****	*0*	*$ 4,417*
Unified Sports Leadership Advisor	***Eliza Filus***	*0*	*$ 1,000*

**Pending certification and criminal history clearance*

Moved by Pinelli, seconded by Carney. On roll call vote, resolution was Adopted as follows: ayes, 8; nays, 0.

Action 27-113 **Retirement Sick Leave Conversion Payments**

Be It Resolved that the Board of Education approved the following retirement ***sick leave*** *conversion payments in accordance with the negotiated agreement and employment contracts:*

Retirement Conversion:
Janet O'Connor . . . . . $ 2,285.91
*Arnold Stang. . . . . $ 7,360.59**
**subject to change*

Moved by Pinelli, seconded by Carney. On roll call vote, resolution was Adopted as follows: ayes, 8; nays, 0.

Action 27-114 **Retirement Vacation Conversion Payments**

Be It Resolved that the Board of Education approved the following retirement ***vacation*** *conversion payments in accordance with the negotiated agreement and employment contracts:*

Retirement Conversion:
*Arnold Stang . . . . . $ 6,023.40**
**subject to change*

Moved by Pinelli, seconded by Carney. On roll call vote, resolution was Adopted as follows: ayes, 8; nays, 0.

Action 27-115 **2026/2027 Substitute/Trip School Bus Drivers**

Be It Resolved that the Board of Education approved the following 2026/2027 ***Substitute/Trip School Bus Drivers*** *for the 2026/2027 school year. Salary paid for by the Transportation Jointure.*

Name	***Step***	***Rate***
Cunningham, Demetrius	*A-0*	*$ 32.21*
Henry, James	*E-11*	*$ 36.56*

Moved by Pinelli, seconded by Carney. On roll call vote, resolution was Adopted as follows: ayes, 8; nays, 0.

Action 27-116 **2026/2027 Substitute/Trip School Bus Aides**

Be It Resolved that the Board of Education approved the following 2026/2027 ***Substitute/Trip School Bus Aides*** *for the 2026/2027 school year. Salary paid for by the Transportation Jointure.*

Name	***Rate***
Vassiliades, Luz	*$ 18.28*

Moved by Pinelli, seconded by Carney. On roll call vote, resolution was Adopted as follows: ayes, 8; nays, 0.

Policy Committee – Tanya Drake - Chairperson, Rebekkah Carney, Marci Nardone, Frank Simini
Informational items:
Policy Committee Meeting Notes: September 15, 2026

Action 27-117 **Policies & Regulations – First Reading**

Be It Resolved that the Board of Education approved the first reading of the following policies and regulations:

P1643	*Family Leave*
P2260	*Equity in School and Classroom Practices*
P5561	*Use of Physical Restraint and Seclusion Techniques*
P6112	*Reimbursement of Federal and Other Grant Expenditures*
P6115.02	*Federal Awards/Funds Internal Controls-Mandatory Disclosures*
P6311	*Contracts for Goods and Services Funded by Federal Grants*
P8561	*Procurement Procedures for School Nutrition Programs*
R6115.01	*Federal Awards/Funds Internal Controls-Allowability of Costs*

Moved by Drake, seconded by Nardone. On roll call vote, resolution was Adopted as follows: ayes, 8; nays, 0.

Action 27-118 **Abolish Policies & Regulations – First Reading**

Be It Resolved that the Board of Education approved the first reading to abolish the following policies:

R2460.30	*Additional/Compensatory Special Education and Related Services*

Moved by Drake, seconded by Nardone. On roll call vote, resolution was Adopted as follows: ayes, 8; nays, 0.

Action 27-119 **Policies & Regulations – Second Reading & Adoption**

Be It Resolved that the Board of Education approved the second reading and adoption of the following policies and regulations:

P0162	*Notice of Board Meetings*
P0162.01	*Legal Notices*
P1230	*Superintendent's Duties*
P2200	*Curriculum*
P2411	*Career Education and Academic Counseling*
P5460	*High School Graduation*
P5461	*High School Diplomas*
P8660	*Transportation by Private Vehicle to and from School-Related Activities*
P8662	*Transportation by Private or District-Owned Vehicles - to and from School*

Moved by Drake, seconded by Nardone. On roll call vote, resolution was Adopted as follows: ayes, 8; nays, 0.

Action 27-120 **Abolish Policies & Regulations – Second Reading**

Be It Resolved that the Board of Education approved the second reading to abolish the following policy:

R2200	*Curriculum Content*
R2411	*Guidance Counseling*

Moved by Drake, seconded by Nardone. On roll call vote, resolution was Adopted as follows: ayes, 8; nays, 0.

Education and Student Affairs Committee – Erin Pinelli - Chairperson, Tanya Drake, Nicholas Hatch, Frank Simini

Informational items:

Education and Student Affairs Committee Meeting Notes: September 21, 2026

Delaware Valley Regional High School Activities Calendar:

Delaware Valley Regional High School:

Financial Aid Night - Sept. 29th, 5:30 pm
SAT - Oct. 3rd, 7:30 am
No School for Students - Teacher in Service Day - Oct. 12th
Honors Induction Night - Oct. 13th, 6:30 pm
Thespian Halloween Coffee House - Oct. 15th, 6:30 pm

Action 27-121 **Donation**

Be It Resolved that the Board of Education accepted the donation of 30 "The Martian" books from Clinton Township School. Moved by Pinelli, seconded by Prouty. On roll call vote, resolution was Adopted as follows: ayes, 8; nays, 0.

New Business

- In light of recent news, Mrs. Drake asked whether, in addition to HIB education, is there a plan or support for students regarding assault.

Public Comment – Bylaw No. 0167 "Public Participation in Board Meetings" - No comments
Residents are invited to respectfully share their concerns, comments, and suggestions.

Supporting documentation of a non-confidential nature shall be accessible to the public for inspection at the meeting and is available upon request at the earliest convenience in accordance with the provisions of Public Rights Law N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1 et seq.

Adjournment

Be It Resolved that the Board of Education adjourned the meeting at 8:27 p.m. Moved by Prouty, seconded by Pinelli. On roll call vote, resolution was Adopted as follows: ayes, 8; nays, 0.

Respectfully submitted,

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David Garrison, Assistant Business Administrator

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Marci Nardone, Board Vice President