Delaware Valley Regional High School District
Board of Education

Special Meeting – August 10, 2026

Time and Place: The special meeting was held on August 10, 2026 by the Board of Education of the Delaware Valley Regional High School District, Hunterdon County, in the Commons 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 July 30, 2026 by:

a. Posting on the District Website and the main bulletin board in the District Office
b. 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 5:30 p.m. by President Simini.

Roll Call

Present:	Frank Simini III, President	Marci Nardone, Vice President
	Rebekkah Carney	Tanya Drake
	Thomas Loughlin	Erin Pinelli
	William Prouty (arrived 5:50 p.m.)	Laura Tessieri

Absent: Nicholas Hatch

District Administrators

Present: Scott McKinney, Superintendent
Teresa O'Brien, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Also Present: Approximately 3 students, staff and members of the community in attendance.

President Simini led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Presentations

Public Hearing on Amendment of the Superintendent's Contract was tabled to a future date.

Action 27-001 **Table Superintendent Services – Alexandria Township Board of Education**

Be It Resolved that the Board of Education tabled the resolution to enter into an agreement with the Alexandria Township Board of Education for Superintendent Services effective August 1, 2026 through June 30, 2030. Moved by Prouty, seconded by Pinelli. On roll call vote, resolution was Adopted as follows: ayes, 8; nays, 0.

Action 27-002 **Table Superintendent's Employment Contract**

Be It Resolved that the Board of Education tabled the resolution to adopt the Superintendent's Employment Contract effective August 1, 2026 through June 30, 2030. Moved by Prouty, seconded by Pinelli. 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 Report - July 22, 2026

Action 27-003 **Bond Proposal Question**

Resolution Of The Board Of Education Of The Delaware Valley Regional High School District In The County of Hunterdon, New Jersey Authorizing The Submission Of A Bond Proposal Question To The School District Voters At The Annual District Election To Be Held On November 3, 2026

Be It Resolved By The Board of Education of the Delaware Valley Regional High School District in the County of Hunterdon, New Jersey (the "Board") (not less than a majority of the full membership of the Board concurring) as follows:

1. The following bond proposal (the "Proposal") shall be submitted to the legal voters of the School District at the annual School District election (the "Election") to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2026 purposes hereinafter provided. The form of the Proposal will read substantially as follows except as otherwise may be set forth herein:

Bond Proposal Question

The Board of Education of the Delaware Valley Regional High School District in the County of Hunterdon, New Jersey (the "Board") is authorized to:

(a) purchase and install a fire alarm system at Delaware Valley Regional High School to replace the existing 20-year-old system equipment;

(b) appropriate $926,000 for such acquisition and improvements; and

(c) issue bonds in an amount not to exceed $926,000.

The final eligible costs for the projects approved by the New Jersey Commissioner of Education are $926,000.

The project includes $0 for school facility construction elements in addition to the facilities efficiency standards developed by the Commissioner of Education or not otherwise eligible for State of New Jersey (the "State") support pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7G-5(g).

The State debt service aid percentage is equal to 40% of the annual debt service due with respect to the final eligible costs of the projects.

Do you approve this Bond Proposal Question?

2. The Board hereby approves and adopts the Proposal set forth above and, subject to the approval of the legal voters of the School District, hereby determines to carry out the same as described therein (the "Project"). The Board authorizes the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, consistent with any advice received from bond counsel, to revise the Proposal, if necessary, prior to the Election.

3. The Board hereby acknowledges and confirms that, in accordance with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 18A:24-16 and N.J.S.A. 18A:24-17, Supplemental Debt Statements have been prepared as of the date of this resolution by the Chief Financial Officers of the constituent municipalities of the Delaware Valley Regional High School District, giving effect to the proposed total authorization of School Bonds of the School District in the maximum amount provided for in the Proposal, and that such Supplemental Debt Statements have been filed in the offices of each municipal clerk, and in the office of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary prior to the adoption of this resolution, and will be filed in the office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs prior to the date of the Election.

4. The Business Administrator/Board Secretary is hereby authorized and directed, in conjunction with Bond Counsel, to deliver a certified copy of this resolution and such other information as shall be necessary to the County Clerk as required by N.J.S.A. 19:60-2, to request the County Clerk to submit the Proposal to the voters at the Election and to seek the assistance of the county officials and the municipal clerk in conducting the Election.

5. The Board hereby: (i) accepts the determination of Preliminary Eligible Costs as set forth in the letter from the New Jersey Department of Education and not to appeal such determinations made therein; (ii) determines to construct the Project itself; (iii) agrees to locally fund any excess costs, if any; and (iv) delegates the supervision of the Project to the Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

6. Gianforcaro Architects, Engineers and Planners, the School District's appointed architect/engineer for the Project (the "Project Architect"), has heretofore been authorized and delegated the responsibility to prepare the plans and specifications for the Project in consultation with and under the supervision of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, who has been delegated the responsibility to work with the Project Architect for this purposes on behalf of the Board, in accordance with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-16, and such authorizations and delegations are hereof reconfirmed.

7. The school administration and such other officers, professionals and agents of the Board as are necessary, including Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A., Bond Counsel, and the Project Architect, are each hereby authorized and directed to perform such acts, execute such documents and do such things as are necessary and proper for the submission of the Proposal to the voters of the School District at the Election.

8. This Board hereby makes the following covenants and declarations with respect to obligations determined to be issued by the Business Administrator/Board Secretary through a public offering of private placement or through a conduit borrower on a tax exempt basis. The Board hereby covenants that it will comply with any conditions subsequent imposed by the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), in order to preserve the exemption from taxation of interest on its bonds or notes if issued as tax exempt, including, if necessary, the requirement to rebate all net investment earnings on the gross proceeds above the yield on its bonds or notes. The Business Administrator/Board Secretary is hereby authorized to act on behalf of the Board to deem the obligations authorized herein as bank qualified for the purposes of Section 265 of the Code, when appropriate. The Board hereby declares its intent to issue bonds or notes in the amount set forth in the Proposal approved by the voters as set forth in Section 1 and to use the proceeds to pay or to reimburse expenditures for

the costs of the Projects authorized herein. This resolution is a declaration of intent within the meaning and for the purposes of Treasury Regulations 1.150-2 or any successor provisions of federal income tax law.

9. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Tessieri, 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: July 15, 2026

Action 27-004 **Policies & Regulations – First Reading**

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

P5516 Student Use of Internet-Enabled Devices
R5516 Student Use of Internet-Enabled Devices

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

Action 27-005 **Policies & Regulations – Second Reading**

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

P2365 Acceptable Use of Generative Artificial Intelligence
P2340 Field Trips
R2340 Field Trips

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

Action 27-006 **Abolish Policy – First Reading**

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

P2363 Pupil Use of Privately-Owned Technology

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

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

Adjournment

Be It Resolved that the Board of Education adjourned the meeting at 6:37 p.m. Moved by Pinelli, seconded by Drake. On roll call vote, resolution was Adopted as follows: ayes, 8; nays, 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa O'Brien, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Frank Simini III, Board President