

Gloucester Township Board of Education
17 Erial Road
Blackwood, NJ 08012

Regular Meeting Minutes
June 29, 2026

1.0 Call to Order

Notices of this meeting are available on the district website (www.gloucestertownshipschools.org), were sent to the Clerk of the Township, and members of the Board of Education, and posted in the Board of Education Offices at 17 Erial Road, Blenheim, New Jersey. Please note that this board meeting may be audio/video taped.

1.1 Flag Salute

1.2 Roll Call

Member	Present	Absent
Mary Jo Dintino	X	
Susanne Galanek	X	
Kia Gore		X
Nicholas Hutchison	X	
Karen Maschke	X	
Charles Pildis	X	
Joseph Tursi	X	
Dena Hendry	X	
Mary Ann Johnson	X	

2.0 Executive Session - [“Attachment 2.0”](#)

Member	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain
Mary Jo Dintino		X		
Susanne Galanek		X		
Kia Gore				
Nicholas Hutchison		X		
Karen Maschke	1	X		
Charles Pildis		X		
Joseph Tursi		X		
Dena Hendry	2	X		
Mary Ann Johnson		X		

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3.0 Roll Call

Member	Present	Absent
Mary Jo Dintino	X	
Susanne Galanek	X	
Kia Gore		X
Nicholas Hutchison	X	
Karen Maschke	X	
Charles Pildis	X	
Joseph Tursi	X	
Dena Hendry	X	
Mary Ann Johnson	X	

4.0 The Superintendent Recommends the Approval of the Minutes

4.1 Executive Session Minutes

May 11, 2026

June 1, 2026

Member	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain
Mary Jo Dintino				X
Susanne Galanek				X
Kia Gore				
Nicholas Hutchison				X
Karen Maschke	1	X		
Charles Pildis	2	X		
Joseph Tursi		X		
Dena Hendry		X		
Mary Ann Johnson		X		

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4.2 Board Minutes

Regular - May 11, 2026

Special Meeting - June 1, 2026

Member	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain
Mary Jo Dintino				X
Susanne Galanek				X
Kia Gore				
Nicholas Hutchison				X
Karen Maschke	2	X		
Charles Pildis		X		
Joseph Tursi		X		
Dena Hendry	1	X		
Mary Ann Johnson		X		

4.3 Public Comments - agenda action items only

Please respect the following procedures:

- All members of the public attending School Board Meetings must treat each other and the Board with respect.
- State your full name and address.
- Please limit your comments to three (3) minutes.
- Individuals offering citizens comment are not permitted to make personal attacks on any District employee, Board Member, other testifier or member of the public.

The presiding officer may:

- Interrupt, warn or terminate a participant's statement when the statement is too lengthy, abusive, obscene, or irrelevant;
- Request any individual to leave the meeting when that person does not observe reasonable decorum.

Adrianna Ganassi spoke of being a substitute teacher. She spoke of the issue with sub rate reduction.

Caitlin Burnite spoke of the staff cuts and how she was one of those cuts.

John Ferry spoke of the substitutes in the schools. Provided handouts for the Board.

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Donna Ellison spoke about being a substitute. She spoke of her days in the school.

Tatianna Reynolds spoke of grandfathering the current subs so they do not receive a pay cut. Spoke about substitute duties during the school day.

5.0 Report of the Solicitor –

He acknowledged that tonight is his last meeting with the Board of Education and thanked the current/past Board members as well as staff and administration.

6.0 Board Committee Reports

- A. Building & Grounds Committee - May 4, 2026 – Spoke about fire alarm replacements, hallway painting and possible boiler replacements. Also discussed the possibility of a preschool building.
- B. Transportation Committee - May 11, 2026 – Discussed bus driver shortage and how they can combat that. Also discussed technology initiatives to increase safety at bus stops.
- C. Policy Committee - May 26, 2026- Discussed petty-cash policy and 5710.
- D. HIB Committee - May 28, 2026 – No meeting took place.

7.0 Report of the Superintendent

7.1 Discussion Items

- A. Monique Powell, SEPAG Liaison Coordinator, will provide an update on activities and present key priorities for the next academic year.
- B. Dalaine Wilson, Supervisor of Student Support Services, and Stephen Kline, Supervisor of Clinical Support Services, presented the mid-year New Jersey Department of Education Student Safety Data System Report.

Mrs. Hendry asked what is classified as a weapon. Mr. Wilson clarified that anything can be considered a weapon. He used a book and shoe as examples of things that can be considered weapons.

7.2 Informational Items

- A. Fire and Safety Drills - May and June 2026- [“Attachment 7.2 A”](#)
- B. Affirm Board Member Attendance [“Attachment 7.2 B”](#)

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7.3 Policy/Planning

A. Affirm determination for all HIB investigations - [“Attachment 7.3 A”](#)

B. Be it resolved that the Superintendent Recommends, pursuant to Board Policy #2436, the following student activity fee structure for the 2026-2027 school year:

Student Meal Status	2026-2027 Activity Fee
Paid	\$10.00
Reduced	\$2.00
*Free	\$0.00

(Note: *Includes students receiving meal subsidy via New Jersey Expanded Income Eligibility Program)

C. The Superintendent Recommends the Approval of the submission of the School Security Drill Statement of Assurance for the 2025-2026 school year.

D. The Superintendent Recommends the Second Reading of Policies & Regulations - [“Attachment 7.3 D”](#)

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Use of Facilities

7.4 Instruction & Curriculum

A. The Superintendent Recommends the Approval of Field Trips for the Summer Latchkey 2026 Program:

DATE	SCHOOL/TEACHER	GROUP	LOCATION
7/27/2026	Latchkey Summer Program/Merkel	Grades 4 -7	Citizens Bank Park 1 Citizens Bank Way Philadelphia, PA 19148

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B. The Superintendent Recommends the Approval of Homeless Student Tuition for the 2025-2026 school year:

SID #	EFFECTIVE DATE	SCHOOL	AMOUNT
5520504886	10/20/2025	Camden City School District	\$23,115.00
4142035910	01/05/2026	Pine Hill Board of Education	\$10,673.00
5749437198	01/05/2026	Pine Hill Board of Education	\$12,102.00

C. The Superintendent Recommends the Approval of Homeschooling Students for the 2025-2026 school year.
SID #8017805425

D. Approve tuition and related services for students to attend the Extended and Regular School Year Program at the schools indicated for the 2026-2027 school year. - [“Attachment 7.4 D”](#)

E. The Superintendent Recommends the Approval of the Gloucester Township Public Schools Emergency Virtual or Remote Instruction Programs for the 2026-2027 School Year (A copy of the plan is in the Superintendent’s office).

F. The Superintendent Recommends that certificated teaching staff will be evaluated according to regulations outlined in Teach NJ, using the Marzano Focused Teacher Model from Instructional Empowerment for the 2026-2027 school year.

7.5 Special Services

A. The Superintendent Recommends the Approval of the following Tuition Students for the 2025-2026 school year.

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SID #	EFFECTIVE DATE	SCHOOL	AMOUNT
5160808716	4/28/2026	Bancroft	\$23,506.20

7.6 Personnel

- A. The Superintendent Recommends the Approval of Instructional Appointments -
Sarah Williamston - MD K-1 Teacher/UV - Step 2 BA/\$64,590 - 9/1/26
Rachel Porto - 2nd Grade Teacher/Chews - Step 2 BA/\$63,407 (One Year Contract)-9/1/26
Hannah Park (replaces 5809) - 3rd Grade Teacher/UV - Step 2 MA/\$68,915 - 9/1/26
Isabella Gentile (replaces 2610) - 8th Grade ELA Teacher/CWL - Step 1 MA/\$68,615 - 9/1/26
Emily Kingsland - MD K-1 Teacher/UV - Step 8 BA/\$67,890 - 9/1/26
Marissa Cirone (replaces 6129) - Preschool Teacher/Erial - Step 2 BA/\$64,590 - 9/1/26
Brielle Small (replaces 4579) - 2nd Grade Teacher/UV - Step 1 BA/\$64,290 - 9/1/26
Eunice Kim (replaces 5866) - Preschool Teacher/GL- Step 1 MA/\$68,615- 9/1/26
- B. The Superintendent Recommends the Approval of Non-Instructional Appointments -
Dwight Gilbert (replaces 6946) - PM Custodian/Mullen - Step 1/\$33,312 - 7/1/26 and/or completion of paperwork
Betty Bowles (replaces 4667) - PM Custodian/UV - Step 1/\$33,312 - 7/1/26 and/or completion of paperwork
Angela Robinson (replaces 7032) - 10 Month Guidance Secretary/AAM - Step 1/\$24,584 - 7/1/26 and/or completion of paperwork
- C. The Superintendent Recommends the Approval of Resignations as amended - ["Attachment 7.6 C"](#)
- D. The Superintendent Recommends the Approval of Retirements -
1149 - 6-8 Science Teacher/CWL - 6/30/26
5989 - Cafeteria Manager/UV - 6/30/26
0333 - Bus Driver - Rescinded 6/30/26
2436 - Head Custodian/JWL - 9/30/26
- E. The Superintendent Recommends the Approval of Professional Development Workshops and Travel - **None**
- F. The Superintendent Recommends the Approval of Substitutes, Home Instruction Teachers, and Non-Contracted Employees – ["Attachment 7.6 F"](#)

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G. The Superintendent Recommends the Approval of Extra Curricular, Committee Appointments - ["Attachment 7.6 G"](#)

H. The Superintendent Recommends the Approval of Leaves of Absence - ["Attachment 7.6 H"](#)

I. The Superintendent Recommends the Approval of Transfers as amended- ["Attachment 7.6 I"](#)

J. The Superintendent Recommends the Approval of Termination- ["Attachment 7.6 J"](#)

K. The Superintendent Recommends the Approval of Student Teachers, Practicum Students, Clinical Students, Field Visit Students, Field Experience Students, Internships – ["Attachment 7.6 K"](#)

L. Approve the Superintendent's recommendations for the appointment of new staff members who have been properly certified and met all eligibility requirements. These staffing recommendations will be made in both July and August 2026. All appointments will be approved by the Board retroactively.

M. The Superintendent Recommends the Approval of the appointment of Tim Trow, Assistant Superintendent, as the District's 504 Officer for the 2026-2027 school year.

N. The Superintendent Recommends the Approval of the appointment of Stephen Kline, Supervisor of Clinical Support Services, as the Title IX Officer for the 2026-2027 school year.

O. The Superintendent Recommends the Approval of the appointment of Stephen Kline, Supervisor of Clinical Support Services, as the District Affirmative Action Officer for the 2026-2027 school year.

P. The Superintendent Recommends the Approval of the submission of the Comprehensive Equity Plan Statement of Assurance for the 2026-2027 school year (on file in the Superintendent's Office).

Q. The Superintendent Recommends the Approval of the employment contract for Timothy Trow, Assistant Superintendent, effective July 1, 2026, to July 30, 2027.

R. The Superintendent Recommends the Approval of the hourly rates for the contracted long-term substitute teachers for the 2026-2027 school year:

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Days Worked in the District	Daily Rate
0 to 30 Days	\$126.50
31 to 90 Days	\$165.00
91 + Days	\$220.00
Daily additional rate for assignments 20+ days	\$25.00

S. The Superintendent Recommends the Approval of the hourly rates for the contracted daily substitute teachers for the 2026-2027 school year:

Days Worked in the District	Daily Rate
0 to 30 Days	\$126.50
31 to 90 Days	\$165.00
91 + Days	\$180.00

T. The Superintendent Recommends the Approval of rescinding the non-renewal of employee numbers 6421, 6426, 6776, and 6703; and

Be it further resolved to issue a renewal notice to employee numbers 6421, 6426, 6776, and 6703 for employment during the 2026-2027 school year.

U. The Superintendent Recommends the Approval of the job description for the Human Resources Supervisor - ["Attachment 7.6 V"](#)

V. The Superintendent Recommends the Approval of the job description for Paraprofessional II - Behavior Support Aide - ["Attachment 7.6 W"](#)

W. The Superintendent Recommends the Approval of the employment contract of Esther Pennell to serve as an Interim School Business Administrator/Board Secretary from June 1, 2026, to June 30, 2026.
(Note: The Camden County Office of Education has requested a second reading of this resolution).

X. The Superintendent Recommends the Approval of the employment contract of Esther Pennell to serve as an Interim School Business Administrator/Board Secretary from July 1, 2026, to December 31, 2026
(Note: The Camden County Office of Education has requested a second reading of this resolution).

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Mrs. Hendry spoke about the substitute teacher rates of pay. Asked if the agenda item must be taken into consideration today at this meeting.

Mrs. Hendry asked 7.6R and 7.6S to be tabled so the Board could receive a better explanation of why substitute teacher pay cuts are necessary.

The Board agreed to table 7.6R and 7.6S by voice vote.

Member	Motion	Yes		Abstain	Absent
Mary Jo Dintino		X			
Susanne Galanek		X			
Kia Gore					X
Nicholas Hutchison		X			
Karen Maschke		X			
Charles Pildis	2	X			
Joseph Tursi		X			
Dena Hendry	1	X			
Mary Ann Johnson		X			

Approval of Items 7.2-7.6X Superintendent Report- As Amended					
Member	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Mary Jo Dintino		X	7.6I, 7.6J, 7.6L	7.6T	
Susanne Galanek		X	7.6I		
Kia Gore					X
Nicholas Hutchison		X	7.6I, 7.6J, 7.6L	7.6D	
Karen Maschke		X			
Charles Pildis	2	X			
Joseph Tursi		X			
Dena Hendry	1	X			
Mary Ann Johnson		X		7.3A	

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8.0 Report of the Business Administrator

8.1 Board Secretary's and Cash Summary Report

Board Secretary's Report in accordance with 18A:17-36 and 18A:17-9 for the month of April and May 2026. The Board Secretary certifies that no major account or fund has been over-expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10 (c) and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year. The Cash Report is in accordance with 18A:17-36 and 18A:17-9 for the month of April and May 2026. Subject to audit, the Cash Report and Secretary's Report are in agreement for the months of April and May 2026.

The Board of Education does certify that pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A-16.10 (c) 4 that after review of the monthly financial report and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials that to the best of our knowledge no major accounts or funds have been over-expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10 (b) and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

In accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10, the Board Secretary certifies that anticipated revenue has changed for the month ending April and May 2026 as follows:

Increase - \$ 0

Decrease - \$ 0

Certified by:



Gene Mercoli, Board Secretary

8.2 Line Item Transfers -

- A. April 2026 - ["Attachment 8.2 A"](#)
- B. May 2026 - ["Attachment 8.2 B"](#)

8.3 Bill Payment

Payroll: \$ 8,301,280.02 (5/15, 5/29, 6/15)
Cafeteria: \$ 454,163.85
General: \$ 14,821,310.57

8.4 Supply & Purchasing

- A. Approve the utilization of National, State and Local Cooperative purchasing contracts for the purchase of supplies and/or services necessary through the 2026-2027 school year as allowed by NJSA 18A:18A-10 and NJSA 52:34-6.2. - ["Attachment 8.4 A"](#)
- B. IFB#2026-019 Renewal#1 Milk and Juice - Approve a renewal contract with Hy-Point Dairy Farms, Inc.

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in an amount not to exceed \$171,626.71. Orders will be placed "as needed" for a one-year term beginning July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027.

C. IFB#2027-014 - Paper Products-Food Service - Approve a contract with South Jersey Paper Products LLC DBA Supplytall for an amount not to exceed \$74,129.65 for the period July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027. All items will be purchased "as needed" throughout the school year.

D. IFB#2027-011 Tires and Tubes Approve a contract with McCarthy Tire Service Centers in an amount not to exceed \$119,649.11. Orders shall be placed "as needed" for a one-year term beginning July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027.

E. IFB#2025-013R-Waste & Recycling Services Renewal #2- Approve a renewal contract with Republic Services of New Jersey, LLC in the amount of \$84,831.16 beginning July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027. (Note: This contract is awarded for the Gloucester Township School District Cooperative Pricing System 199GTSDCPS.)

F. Approve the District Purchasing Manual for the 2026-2027 school year. Please note, a copy of the Purchasing Manual is on file in the Business Administration Office and sent to all staff who complete purchases for the school district.

G. RFP 2027-037A-G Professional Services: As recommended by the Professional Services Committee, approve awarding contracts to the following professional services providers for the 2026-2027 school year and the rates proposed in their RFP submission.

- A. Special Conflicts Counsel- Capehart and Scatchard
- B. Special Counsel Student Services- Adams, Lattiboudere, Croot & Herman
- C. Negotiations-Labor Counsel- Adams, Lattiboudere, Croot & Herman
- D. Solicitor- Adams, Lattiboudere, Croot & Herman
- E. Bond Counsel- Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer
- F. Auditor -PKF O'Connor Davis
- G. School Physician -Woodbury Medical - Dr. Bonett

H. RFP 2027-040R Engineering Services for the 2026-2027 school year: As recommended by the Professional Service Committee, approve awarding a contract to, *to be determined*, per the terms of their submitted RFP. Withdrawal.

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I. RFP 2027-040R Engineering Services for the 2026-2027 school year: As recommended by the Professional Service Committee, approve awarding a contract to, *to be determined*, per the terms of their submitted RFP. Withdrawal.

J. Approve a renewal of RFP 2024-039 Professional Services contract to New Road Construction, of Cherry Hill, NJ, for 2026-2027 school year utilizing existing rates in accordance with NJSA 18A:18A-42(k) to finish the HVAC ROD Grant project.

K. Approve a contract with Zearn of NY, New York for subscription-based math account in the amount of \$38,500.00 expiring June 30, 2027.

L. Approve a contract with Dell Technologies of Round Rock, Texas for the purchase of 235 Dell Pro 14" Laptops for teacher use paid from the 2026-2027 budget, 204 units from accounts 11-190-100-610-28-17-SF \$216,036 and 31 units from account 20-218-100-610-40-00-00 \$32,829.

M. Approve a contract with Advanced Assessment Systems dba Linkit! From NY, New York for software assessments per the quotation in the amount of \$78,000.00 paid from the 2026-2027 budget.

N. Approve a contract with Magnolia Consulting Group, a division of Linkit! For multi-tiered system support across the school district in the amount of \$46,500.00 for the Linkit! Assessment software utilizing 2026-2027 Federal Title II funds.

O. Approve a contract with Stryke Security of Huntington Beach, CA, for the purchase of Linewize subscription in the amount of \$37,300.00 utilizing the TIPS National Contract #220105.

P. Approve a 3rd year renewal contract with The Teneo Group LLC of Washington, DC for the purchase of Infinity Total Protection custom subscription in the amount of \$125,000 and designating this purchase as proprietary in nature for the purchase of protections for hardware, cloud, email, endpoint (Harmony), training (IGS), MDR, SASE, Harmony SaaS and support as permitted under NJAC 5:34-9(d) and NJSA 18A:18A-2cc.

Q. Approve a contract with TCI of Palo Alto, CA, for the purchase of science curriculum for grades 1-5 in the amount of \$55,703.55

R. Approve a contract with 95 Percent Group of Lincolnshire, IL, for the purchase of language arts curriculum for grades 2-5 in the amount of \$113,152.30

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S. Approve a contract with Renaissance of Wisconsin Rapids, WI, for the purchase of mathematics testing services in the amount of \$109,926.68

T. Approve a contract Great Minds of Pittsburgh, PA, for the purchase of the following:

- 1 - \$17,998.75 ELA Wit and Wisdom
- 2 – \$64,077.00 Math Curriculum
- 3 - \$6,778.05 Eureka Math Curriculum
- 4 – \$160,657.30 K-5 Curriculum
- 5 - \$54,638.12 Wit Wisdom Grade 2-5 workbooks
- 6 - \$74,100.00 Math and ELA Prof Development, Title II Acct 20-272-200-320-28-14-00

U. Approve a contract Great Minds of Pittsburgh, PA, for the purchase of grade 3-5 teacher editions and digital student editions in the amount of \$6,125.00.

V. Approve a contract with Stryke Security of Huntington Beach, CA, for the purchase of GoGuardian subscription in the amount of \$22,984.00 utilizing the TIPS National Contract #220105.

W. Approve a contract with Follet Software of McHenry, IL for the purchase of library curriculum subscription in the amount of \$13,729.11

X. Approve a contract with Apptegy of Little Rock, AR for a Thrillshare Room Subscription for teacher website areas in the amount of \$19,750.00 and \$22,932.00 for the annual fee for the school website purchase thru the TIPS Contract #230105.

Y. Approve a contract with Pearson of San Antonio, TX, in the amount of \$28,600.00 for OLSAT8 software.

Z. Approve a contract with Amplify of Brooklyn, NY for the purchase of integrated science models grade 6-8 in the amount of \$10,868.48

Aa. Approve a contract with CDW-G of Vernon Hills, IL for the purchase of Smartboards and Panels in the amount of \$24,638.70.

Ab. Approve a contract with Sphero of Greenville, TX for the purchase of Bolt+ and powerpacks in the amount of \$13,621.36.

Ac. Approve a contract with Lexia Learning Systems of Dallas, TX for the purchase of Reading/Powerup Literacy Subscriptions in the amount of \$109,680.00

Ad. Approve a contract with Instructional Empowerment of Blairsville, PA for the purchase of iObservation Software in the amount of \$26,785.00

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Ae. Approve a contract with Teaching Strategies of NY, New York for the purchase of online assessment bundles in the amount of \$11,046.40

Af. Approve a contract with Turn Key Technologies thru a February ERate bid for the following purchases, paid 60% ERate funds and 40% District funds. The Funds below are the District cost:

- 1- \$60,000 Installation of a new 2" underground connection for internet and telephone fiber cables between Charles Lewis Middle School and the Maintenance/Transportation Building.
- 2- \$154,754.81 for the purchase and installation of new power supplies and switchgear for the following schools and buildings Blackwood Elementary School, Erial Elementary School and the Maintenance/Transportation Building. (Note: This is the balance of this work and all other schools were completed during the 2025-2026 school year).

Ag. Approve entering into a contract with Preferred Home Health Care & Nursing Services, Inc d/b/a Care Options for Kids for Nursing Services for 2026-2027 school year at the rate of \$82.00 for RN and \$72.00 for LPN for three students. Parents requested and were awarded outside the requirement to bid.

Ah. Approve entering into a contract with 1st Americare Inc. for Nursing Services for the 2026-2027 school year at the rate of \$75. 00 for RN and \$65.00 for LPN for one student. Parents requested and were awarded outside the requirement to bid.

Ai. Approve entering into a contract with Vivacity Tech PBC of Saint Paul, MN for the purchase of 980 Chromebooks in the amount of \$375,340.00 utilizing TIPS Contract #230105

Aj. Approve the Board of Education of the Township of Gloucester meeting schedule for the ensuing year (July 2026 through June 2027).

Please note: meetings will open with an Executive Session, which begins at 6:00 p.m. and lasts until 7:00 p.m. The Regular Meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. The following is a list of Regular Board meetings (unless otherwise indicated) for the 2026-2027 school year. Meetings that are held, on a rotating basis, in the middle school media centers are indicated below:

July 20, 2026 - Administration	January 25, 2027 - Ann Mullen Middle School
August 17, 2026 - Administration	February 22, 2027 - CW Lewis Middle School
September 21, 2026 - Administration	March 15, 2027 - Glen Landing Middle School
October 26, 2026 - Ann Mullen Middle School	April 19, 2027 - Administration

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November 16, 2026 - CW. Lewis Middle School	April 26, 2027 - Administration - Public Hearing for the 2027-2028 Budget - (6:00 pm start)
December 14, 2026 - Glen Landing Middle School	May 10, 2027 - Ann Mullen Middle School
January 4, 2027 - Administration - Board of Education Annual Reorganization Meeting - 6:00 pm	June 21, 2027 - Administration

Ak. Approve, pursuant to N.J.A. C. 18-A(5)(a), of limited professional services contracts to the following entities to permit the completion of previously initiated services which commenced during the 2025-2026 school year. Please note that no new requests for services shall be assigned to these vendors. The firms are as follows: Wade, Long, Wood & Long, LLC and Parker McKay P.A.

8.5 Transportation

- A. Approve the donation of district-furnished transportation for the Gloucester Township Junior Police Academy for the period of July 21, 2026, through August 17, 2026. Varied days and hours not to exceed a total of twenty (20) trips.
- B. Approve the awarding of transportation quote #1498 to Holcomb Bus. They will provide transportation to and from H. Ashton Marsh, Absecon, NJ. The daily rate will be \$216.00. The contractor has the potential to operate up to \$5,616.00 per annum-26 student days beginning May 13, 2026 for the 2025-2026 school year. Administered through Camden County Educational Service Commission.
- C. Approve the awarding of transportation quote #7129 to MJ&R Transportation. They will provide transportation to and from Ann Mullen Middle School, Sicklerville NJ. The daily rate will be \$397.00. The contractor has the potential to operate up to \$8,337.00 per annum-21 student days beginning May 20, 2026 for the 2025-2026 school year. Administered through Camden County Educational Service Commission.
- D. Approve the awarding of transportation quote #5186 to Rimar Transportation. They will provide transportation to and from J.W Lilley Elementary, Sicklerville NJ. The daily rate will be \$318.00. The contractor has the potential to operate up to \$6,678.00 per annum-21 student days beginning May 20, 2026 for the 2025-2026 school year. Administered through Camden County Educational Service Commission.
- E. Approve the awarding of transportation quote #5198 to Del City Transportation. They will provide transportation to and from Glen Landing Middle School, Blackwood, NJ. The daily rate will be \$244.98. The contractor has the potential to operate up to \$1,714.86 per annum-7 student days beginning June

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10, 2026 for the 2025-2026 school year. Administered through Camden County Educational Service Commission.

- F. Approve the awarding of transportation quote #9027 to A&M Transportation. They will provide transportation to and from Glen Landing Middle School, Blackwood, NJ. The daily rate will be \$525.00. The contractor has the potential to operate up to \$2,100.00 per annum-4 student days beginning June 9, 2026 for the 2025-2026 school year. Administered through Camden County Educational Service Commission.

8.6 Buildings & Grounds

- A. IFB#2026-030 Renewal#1 Fire - Burglar Alarm Testing, Monitoring, Maintenance, Repair and Installation Services: Approve a contract for services with MFS Systems LLC located at 648C Berlin Cross Road, Sicklerville, NJ 08081 at the rates listed below. Contract is a one-year term beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027 with the option to extend the contract by one, one-year terms as permitted by law and at the discretion of the Board of Education.

Inspections \$33,150.00
Monitoring \$ 8,112.00
Total Cost of Inspections and Monitoring \$41,262.00
Additional Services at the following Rates:
Regular Time \$ 120.00
Overtime \$ 195.00
Weekends/Holidays \$ 295.00
Equipment Discount/Mark Up 15%

- B. Approval to authorize the School Business Administrator/ Board Secretary, and Remington and Vernick Engineers to prepare/amend and submit Long Range Facility Plan Amendments on the Board's behalf with the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE).

8.7 Finance/Business/Budget

- A. Approve all public notices and public advertisements to be on the District website only, pursuant to New Jersey Law S-4654, signed into law on June 30, 2025 and those public notices can be found here:

<https://www.gloucestertownshipschools.org/page/public-notice>

- B. Pursuant to PL 2015, Chapter 47 the Gloucester Township Board of Education intends to renew, award, or permit to expire the following contracts previously awarded by the Board of Education. These contracts are, have been, and will continue to be in full compliance with all state and federal statutes and regulations; in particular, New Jersey Title 18A:18. et seq, NJAC Chapter 6A:23A, and Federal Procurement Regulations 2CFR Part 200.317 et. Seq. (Note: The attached list includes all anticipated goods and services for the 2025/2026

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school year under all methods of procurement including state contracts, cooperatives, bids, request for proposals, etc.) - ["Attachment 8.7 B"](#)

C. Approve the School Business Administrator to bind the following insurance policies: Commercial \$679,724 (7% increase), Automobile \$208,930 (7% increase), Umbrella \$48,683 (10% increase), Excess Workers Compensation \$125,888 (2% decrease) and Employee Bonds \$1,680 for a total premium of \$1,064,905 for the 2026-2027 school year.

D. Approve, in accordance with Board policy #6620, the closure of the District petty cash funds for 2025-2026 and permit the opening of the 2026-2027 petty cash funds in the new fiscal year. Business Office, Transportation, Supervisor of Building and Grounds each at \$300 and Latchkey at \$500.

E. Approve that Esther Pennell, Interim School Business Administrator, be appointed Public Agency Compliance Officer for the Gloucester Township Board of Education for the 2026-2027 school year, to comply with request from the Department of the Treasury Affirmative Action Office.

F. Approve maintaining the Gloucester Township Board of Education bid threshold at the maximum amount allowable by state statute and to appoint Patricia Minerva as the official Qualified Purchasing Agent for the 2026-2027 school year to exercise the duties of a purchasing agent.

G. Approve to allow the Business Administrator to make all transfers needed to close out the current fiscal year 2025-2026.

H. Approve to allow the Business Administrator, as allowed by Board policy #6470, to make bill payments for the balance of June 2026 to close the fiscal year out.

I. Approve a contract for the 2026-2027 school year with the Camden County Educational Service Commission for on demand special education services at the rates listed on their contract. The original contract is in the Business Office.

J. Approve the student and adult breakfast and lunch meal prices for the 2026-2027 school year as listed below (first change in 4 years and required under the Federal School Program Paid Lunch Equity calculations):

	Breakfast	Lunch
Students - Elementary	\$2.00	\$3.75 (\$0.25)
Students - Middle	\$2.25	\$4.00 (\$0.25)
Adult	\$3.00 (\$0.25)	\$4.50 (\$0.25)

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K. Approve accepting the grant funds from the New Jersey Department of Education for the following grants, ending August 31, 2026 extended to January 31, 2027:

- a. \$150,000 -Cultivating Achieve through Coach in Literacy
- b. \$50,000 – Reading Intervention for Secondary Engagement
- c. \$200,000 – Instruction Materials for Professional Adv. and Teaching Comp.
- d. \$60,000 – Literacy Initiative for Families and Thriving Comp

L. Approve a contract with Fulton Bank of Lancaster, PA for all accounts from July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027.

M. Approve the signers for Fulton Bank for the accounts listed below beginning July 1, 2026:

Gloucester Twp. Board of Education	2	Mary Ann Johnson, Board of Education, President
Payroll Account		John Bilodeau, Superintendent
Account No. Ending 1821210		

Gloucester Twp. Board of Education	2	Mary Ann Johnson, Board of Education, President
Payroll Agency Account		John Bilodeau, Superintendent
Account No. Ending 1821229		

N. Approve accepting the State of New Jersey High Impact Tutoring Cohort #3 in the amount of \$160,000 beginning May 1, 2026 and ending May 31, 2027.

O. Approve the advertising for an RFP for the State of New Jersey High Impact Tutoring Cohort #3 not to exceed \$160,000.

P. Approve amending the 2025-2026 school budget, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-13.3(d)6, from \$140,369,518 to \$140,869,518(an increase of \$500,000.00), to fund student out-of-district tuition charges and corresponding transportation charges. The revenue source is unreserved fund balance (generated from the 2024-2025 extraordinary aid award). The following 2025-2026 appropriations will be increased by the amended amount: 11-000-270-503-40-02-00 \$200,000.00 and 11-000-270-511-22-21-HM \$300,000.00.

Dena Hendry questioned the meeting dates proposed in 8.4 Aj, focusing on the April date. Mr. Bilodeau said that meeting could be moved if it coincides with the budget hearing at the Township.

Dena Hendry asked about 8.5A and what the amount is being donated. Mr. Bilodeau said these are our resident children being transported and it's about \$3000.00 over about 10 trips. She proposes a nominal fee be imposed for future events.

Chip Pildis asked about Check #141351 for district mulch and shouted out Sani Umar for getting such a great price. He also was happy Brett Dinovi was under 1-million dollars this month.

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MaryAnn Johnson questioned checks to Bromberg. Mr. Mercoli said he would look it up and get back to her about it. She also complimented Mr. Mercoli for the electric bill at Mullen being lowered significantly. Mr. Mercoli told her it is because the chiller was replaced and the newer technology doesn't use as much power.

Approval of Items 8.1- 8.7P Minus 8.4H and 8.4I Business					
Member	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Mary Jo Dintino		X	8.4G A-E, 8.4G G, 8.4 Q, 8.4R, 8.4Z	8.7P	
Susanne Galanek		X			
Kia Gore					X
Nicholas Hutchison		X	8.4G A-E, 8.4G G	8.7P	
Karen Maschke	2	X			
Charles Pildis		X			
Joseph Tursi		X			
Dena Hendry	1	X		Chk #14120	
Mary Ann Johnson		X		Chk #141315, Chk #141464	

8.0 Old Business

Mr. Bilodeau spoke of a letter from a parent about offering Lacrosse at the middle school level. Mr. Bilodeau spoke of long service by Mr. Long as solicitor. Well wishes to Mr. Mercoli and Mr. Mercado as they leave Gloucester Township.

9.0 New Business

Mr. Bilodeau congratulated Mr. Regn as the new principal of Chews School and wished Mr. Ferrante luck as the new Human Resources Supervisor.

10.0 Public Comments

Please respect the following procedures:

- All members of the public attending School Board Meetings must treat each other and the Board with respect.

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- State your full name and address.
- Please limit your comments to three (3) minutes.
- Individuals offering citizens comment are not permitted to make personal attacks on any District employee, Board Member, other testifier or member of the public.

The presiding officer may:

- Interrupt, warn or terminate a participant's statement when the statement is too lengthy, abusive, obscene, or irrelevant;
- Request any individual to leave the meeting when that person does not observe reasonable decorum.

Jennifer O'Donnell asked about the budget details that Mr. Tursi asked about at the last meeting.

Kelly Porter spoke of the High Impact Tutoring grant and how the money would be allocated. She then asked about the new Director of Special Services and when the parents will get to meet her.

Kelly Rutter, a teacher at Lilley School, asked about the Student Data System Report and how information is collected.

11.0 Board Member Comments

Mr. Pildis gave kudos to SEPAG committee for their report. Thanks to public for coming to meeting. He congratulated the graduates this year. Thanks to Mr. Mercoli and Mr. Long. Congratulations to Mr. Ferrante on his new position.

Mrs. Hendry was honored to speak at a graduation ceremony. Well wishes for Mr. Long.

Mrs. Galanek thanked SEPAG for their presentation. Thanks to Mr. Long for his years of service. Thanked Mr. Mercoli for his years here at Gloucester Township.

Mrs. Dintino thanked Mr. Mercoli for his leadership in the Business Office and also Mr. Long for his years of service. She then read a letter in support of special education students.

Mrs. Maschke spoke of the substitutes. She encourages hearing their thoughts.

Mr. Hutchison thanked SEPAG committee and also thanked Mr. Mercoli and Mr. Long for their service to the District.

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Mrs. Johnson attended Mullen's graduation. Thanked Mr. Mercoli and Mr. Long for service to District. Happy summer and stay cool everyone.

Mr. Long announced that the Board would be going into a second Executive Session to go over the Superintendent's annual evaluation as a requirement that must be completed each year.

12.0 Executive Session #2 - ["Attachment 2.0"](#)

Member	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain
Mary Jo Dintino		X		
Susanne Galanek		X		
Kia Gore				
Nicholas Hutchison				X
Karen Maschke	1	X		
Charles Pildis		X		
Joseph Tursi		X		
Dena Hendry	2	X		
Mary Ann Johnson		X		

13.0 Superintendent Evaluation

Motion to accept Chief School Administrator's evaluation for the 2025-2026 school year.

Approval of Item Superintendent Evaluation					
Member	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Mary Jo Dintino		X			
Susanne Galanek		X			
Kia Gore					X
Nicholas Hutchison					X
Karen Maschke	2	X			
Charles Pildis		X			
Joseph Tursi		X			
Dena Hendry	1	X			
Mary Ann Johnson				X	

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14.0 Motion to Adjourn at 9:55 PM by voice vote.

Member	Yes	No	Absent
Mary Jo Dintino	X		
Susanne Galanek	X		
Kia Gore			X
Nicholas Hutchison			X
Karen Maschke	X		
Charles Pildis	X		
Joseph Tursi	X		
Dena Hendry	X		
Mary Ann Johnson	X		

Respectfully,



Gene Mercoli
Board Secretary