Galloway Township Board of Education Agenda
Office of the Board Secretary
101 South Reeds Road
Galloway, NJ 08205

MINUTES

July 13, 2026

REGULAR MEETING

1. OPENING OF MEETING

Procedural: 1.1 Call to Order
Meeting called to order at 5:16 PM

Procedural: 1.2 Open Public Meeting Statement

In accordance with Public Law 231, both adequate and electronic notice of this meeting was provided to: The Press, the Galloway Township Municipal Building and the District Website on July 9, 2026.

Procedural: 1.3 Roll Call

Members present, Ms. Belinda Chester, Mrs. Madeline Avery, Mrs. Kathleen Huenke, Dr. Alexa Beshara-Blauth and Mr. James Gentile
Absent: Dr. Sherri Parmenter, Ms. Virginia A. Larrea, Mrs. Ethel Hermenau and Mr. Richard Dase

Also Present: Mr. Stephen P. Santilli/Superintendent, Mrs. Joy N. Nixon/School Board Administrator/Board Secretary, and Mrs. Amy Houck-Elco /Board Solicitor

2. RESOLUTION - EXECUTIVE SESSION - JULY 13, 2026

Action, Procedural: 2.1 Recess to Executive Session at 5:18pm

RESOLVED, that the Galloway Township board of Education shall meet in executive session on July 13, 2026, immediately, for the purpose of discussing Negotiations, and Attorney Client by Communication.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the discussion of each subject matter in executive session will be disclosed to the public when the matter has been settled, unless such is otherwise prohibited by law.

Motion by Ms. Belinda Chester, second by Dr. Alexa Beshara-Blauth
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Ms. Belinda Chester, Mrs. Madeline Avery, Mrs. Kathleen Huenke, Dr. Alexa Beshara-Blauth and Mr. James Gentile
Absent: Dr. Sherri Parmenter, Ms. Virginia A. Larrea, Mrs. Ethel Hermenau and Mr. Richard Dase

Discussion: 2.2 Negotiations
Mrs. Ethel Hermenau arrived at 5:32 PM

Discussion: 2.3 Attorney Client by Communication

Action: 2.4 Reconvene Open Public Meeting at 6:08pm

Motion by Ms. Belinda Chester, second by Dr. Alexa Beshara-Blauth
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Ms. Belinda Chester, Mrs. Madeline Avery, Mrs. Ethel Hermenau, Mrs. Kathleen Huenke, Dr. Alexa Beshara-Blauth and Mr. James Gentile
Absent: Dr. Sherri Parmenter, Ms. Virginia A. Larrea and Mr. Richard Dase

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Procedural: 1.4 Flag Salute
The flag salute will be led by Ms. Belinda Chester

Information: 3.5 Moment of Silence in Memory of Mrs. Antoinette "Ann" Isgro

4. MINUTES

Action, Minutes: 4.1 April 27, 2026 - Regular Meeting Minutes
Action, Minutes: 4.2 June 8, 2026 - Regular Meeting Minutes
Action: 4.3 June 8, 2026 - Executive Meeting Minutes

Approve Minutes Items #4.1 through #4.3

Motion by Mrs. Kathleen Huenke, second by Ms. Belinda Chester
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Ms. Belinda Chester, Mrs. Madeline Avery, Mrs. Ethel Hermenau, Dr. Alexa Beshara-Blauth and Mr. James Gentile
Absent: Dr. Sherri Parmenter, Ms. Virginia A. Larrea and Mr. Richard Dase
Abstain: Mrs. Kathleen Huenke from Item #4.4. Yes, to the rest.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Information: 5.1 Guidelines for Public Comment at the Board of Education Meeting
None

6. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Reports: 6.1 Student Enrollment Report

Reports: 6.2 Out-of-District Suspension Report
Reports: 6.3 Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying Report

Information: 6.4 NO VOTE NEEDED - Informational Items Only

7. CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

Action: 7.1 2026-2027 Virtual Remote Instruction Plan
Action: 7.2 Field Trips
Action: 7.3 Fieldwork

Approve Curriculum & Instruction Items #7.1 through #7.3

Motion by Ms. Belinda Chester, second by Mrs. Kathleen Huenke

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Ms. Belinda Chester, Mrs. Madeline Avery, Mrs. Ethel Hermenau, Mrs. Kathleen Huenke, Dr. Alexa Beshara-Blauth and Mr. James Gentile
Absent: Dr. Sherri Parmenter, Ms. Virginia A. Larrea and Mr. Richard Dase

8. FINANCE/FACILITIES

Information, Reports: 9.1 Finance and Facilities Committee Update
Mrs. Kathleen Huenke provided an update on the Finance and Facilities Committee Meeting

Action, Information, Reports: 8.2 Food Service Reports
Action: 8.3 Investment Report(s) for May 31, 2026
Action: 8.4 Board Secretary's Monthly Certification
Action: 8.5 Financial Report of the Board Secretary
Action: 8.6 Board Report of Receipts & Expenditures
Action: 8.7 Transfers for Ratification
Action: 8.8 Bills for Payment - June 2026
Action: 8.9 Bills for Payment - July 2026
Action: 8.10 Professional Services Contract(s)
Action: 8.11 Special Law Enforcement Officers (SLEOs)
Action: 8.12 Accept Gifts, Grants & Donations
Action: 8.13 Submission of the FY 2026-2027 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Grant
Action: 8.14 Submission of FY 2026-2027 Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) application
Action: 8.15 Submission of Application and Reimbursement for the School Lead Filters Program
Action: 8.16 ACCASBO JIF Surplus Distribution Resolution
Action: 8.17 Trees for Schools Grant
Action: 8.18 Home Instruction
Action: 8.19 Transportation Agreement(s)
Action: 8.20 Out of District Professional Development
Action: 8.21 Tuition Payable for McKinney Vento Students
Action: 8.22 Tuition Payable for Special Education Students
Action: 8.23 Annual Facility Approval Forms
Action: 8.24 Statement of Assurance: District Website Accessibility
Action: 8.25 Carpet/Tile Replacement Purchase
Action: 8.26 Community Use of School Facilities

Approve Finance & Facilities Items #8.2 through #8.26

Motion by Dr. Alexa Beshara-Blauth, seconded by Mrs. Madeline Avery
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Ms. Belinda Chester, Mrs. Madeline Avery, Mrs. Ethel Hermenau, Mrs. Kathleen Huenke, Dr. Alexa Beshara-Blauth and Mr. James Gentile
Absent: Dr. Sherri Parmenter, Ms. Virginia A. Larrea and Mr. Richard Dase

9. PERSONNEL

Action: 9.1 Resignation(s)
Action: 9.2 Termination(s)/Rescission(s)
Action: 9.3 Transfer(s)
Action: 9.4 Job Description(s)
Action: 9.5 Appointment(s)
Action: 9.6 Leave(s) of Absence
Action: 9.7 Adjustment(s)

Approve Personnel Items #9.1 through #9.7

Motion by Mrs. Kathleen Huenke, second by Mrs. Madeline Avery
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Ms. Belinda Chester, Mrs. Madeline Avery, Mrs. Ethel Hermenau, Mrs. Kathleen Huenke, Dr. Alexa Beshara-Blauth and Mr. James Gentile
Absent: Dr. Sherri Parmenter, Ms. Virginia A. Larrea and Mr. Richard Dase

Information: 9.9 Introduce and Welcome New Hires

10. POLICY

Information, Reports: 10.1 Policy Committee Report
Ms. Chester provided an update on Policy Committee Meeting

Mrs. Hermenau asked if Mr. Santilli and Ms. Chester received her email concerns for Policy 10.7. She read her e-mail:
This policy has expanded significantly from the latest version and I believe it is important to understand what is required by the State versus what is a local board decision.
Some of my questions:

1. Which portions of this policy are required by New Jersey law or regulation, and which portions are local decisions or additions by the district?

2. Because this policy has changed so significantly, can the Board in the future send a summary and redline the changes? It is easier to read what is added, removed, or changed from any previous policy. Which part is State regulations and which is the model policy? Does the model policy have some room to change things?

Note: We get this on Friday night and I can't look at it until the weekend at some point. I have horrible technology as well. My Chromebook does not copy and paste and does not print out so I have to literally use two computers to review sometimes and if I email to my regular email from the school I get an ominous warning. This shouldn't be so hard!!

3. The policy repeatedly states "The Board Shall", can you clarify which responsibilities belong to the Board and which are carried out by the Superintendent and administration?

4, The Policy references eliminating "possible bias" in curriculum and instructional materials. How is "bias" defined?
Who reviews materials, and what process ensures that evaluations are objective and consistent?

My goal is not to delay compliance. My goal is to make sure every Board member has the information necessary to make a thoughtful and informed decision.

Mr. Santilli responded:
Good morning: Initially, this policy was recommended to revise the policy by incorporating the current regulation to increase transparency (hence, there were no strikeouts or bold language, as the regulation was already in place). However, this morning I consulted further with our policy provider, Strauss Esmay, and our solicitor. With that being said, the recommendation is to present this as a "new" policy, which would require two readings. In addition to infusing the regulation into the current policy, Strauss also expanded on some of the code under 6A and included some additional language from 6A within the policy. Therefore, it is best to have two readings of this revision, and I have moved it on board docs and will be informing the full board shortly as well.

1. Ultimately, the board does not have a statutory or administrative code requirement to adopt the policy; however, this policy is mandated because it is a QSAC requirement for Instruction and Programming, by the NJDOE, and therefore is needed. Without it, we would lose necessary points within that area during a QSAC review.

2. As mentioned above, because the regulation was infused into the policy and the code was also expanded, this policy reads as a "new" policy, so no bold or strikeouts are included. For other revised policies, you can always find the changes in the Executive Content area of Board Docs, which includes a copy of the changes for the board of education members.

3. The board shall...the majority of the language is straight from the statutes. As an example, often when it says the board shall, it means that the board will adopt the NJSLS, adopt the budget, enact policy, etc. The board is the oversight (governance), compared to the Superintendent, who executes and oversees operations.

4. For this policy's purpose, bias is not necessarily related to materials, but rather ensuring there is no bias towards any particular group of students. As one example within the policy under 6A:7-1.1 Purpose - (a) The purpose of this chapter is to ensure all students, regardless of housing status, socioeconomic status, immigration status, or any protected category as stated at N.J.S.A. 10:5-1 et seq., such as race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, age, marital status, civil union status, domestic partnership status, affectional or sexual orientation, genetic information, pregnancy or breastfeeding, sex, gender identity or expression, religion, disability, atypical hereditary cellular or blood trait, service in the Armed Forces of the United States, or nationality, are provided equal access to educational activities and programs by district boards of education. The educational activities and programs include the teaching of a challenging curriculum based on the New Jersey Student Learning Standards (NJSLS), differentiated instruction, formative assessments aligned to the NJSLS, qualified teachers, and professional standards for teachers and school leaders.

Mrs. Hermenau - Requested to table this policy. Ms. Chester responded that she did not recommend delaying. Mr. Santilli also responded
Ms. Chester added to send any questions between now and the second reading.
Mrs. Hermenau asked again could it be delayed.
Mr. Santilli reiterated the reasons why it is mandated due to QSAC points and what does that mean.

Action: 10.2 Bylaw 0162 Notice of Board Meetings
Action: 10.3 Policy 1230 Superintendent's Duties
Action: 10.4 Policy 1643 Family Leave

APPROVE Revised Policy Items #10.2 through #10.4 for a Single Reading

Motion by Mrs. Ethel Hermenau, second by Mrs. Madeline Avery
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Ms. Belinda Chester, Mrs. Madeline Avery, Mrs. Ethel Hermenau, Mrs. Kathleen Huenke, Dr. Alexa Beshara-Blauth and Mr. James Gentile
Absent: Dr. Sherri Parmenter, Ms. Virginia A. Larrea and Mr. Richard Dase

Action: 10.6 Bylaw 0162.01 Legal Notices
Action: 10.7 Policy 2200 Curriculum

Approve Policy Items #10.6 through 10.7 for First of Two Readings

Motion by Mrs. Madeline Avery, second by Mrs. Kathleen Huenke
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Ms. Belinda Chester, Mrs. Madeline Avery, Mrs. Kathleen Huenke, Dr. Alexa Beshara-Blauth and Mr. James Gentile
Absent: Dr. Sherri Parmenter, Ms. Virginia A. Larrea and Mr. Richard Dase
Abstain: Mrs. Ethel Hermenau from Item #10.7. Yes, to Item #10.6.

11. OLD BUSINESS

Action: 11.1 Affirm HIB Determination Reports

Approve Old Business Item #11.1

Motion by Ms. Belinda Chester, second by Mrs. Madeline Avery
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Ms. Belinda Chester, Mrs. Madeline Avery, Mrs. Ethel Hermenau, Mrs. Kathleen Huenke, Dr. Alexa Beshara-Blauth and Mr. James Gentile
Absent: Dr. Sherri Parmenter, Ms. Virginia A. Larrea and Mr. Richard Dase

12. NEW BUSINESS

Action: 12.1 GTPSA Contract

Approve New Business Item #12.1

Motion by Ms. Belinda Chester, second by Mrs. Madeline Avery
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Ms. Belinda Chester, Mrs. Madeline Avery, Mrs. Ethel Hermenau, Mrs. Kathleen Huenke, Dr. Alexa Beshara-Blauth and Mr. James Gentile
Absent: Dr. Sherri Parmenter, Ms. Virginia A. Larrea and Mr. Richard Dase

13. BOARD INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Information: 13.1 Revised Board Calendar
Information: 13.2 Special Events

Information: 13.3 NO VOTE NEEDED - Information Items Only

14. PUBLIC COMMENT

Information: 14.1 Guidelines for Public Comment at the Board of Education Meeting
None

15. FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Information, Procedural: 15.1 For the Good of the Order
None

16. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Action, Procedural: 16.1 Recess to Executive Session
None

Action: 16.2 Reconvene Open Public Meeting
None

17. EXECUTIVE SESSION ACTION (IF NEEDED)

Action: 17.1 Possible Action from Executive Session
None

18. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting 6:33 PM

Motion by Mrs. Kathleen Huenke, second by Ms. Belinda Chester
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Ms. Belinda Chester, Mrs. Madeline Avery, Mrs. Ethel Hermenau, Mrs. Kathleen Huenke, Dr. Alexa Beshara-Blauth and Mr. James Gentile
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Respectfully Submitted,

Joy N. Nixon, CPA, MBA
School Board Administrator/Board Secretary