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

MINUTES

September 14, 2026

REGULAR MEETING

1. OPENING OF MEETING

Procedural: 1.1 Call to Order
Meeting called to order at 5:15 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, Dr. Sherri Parmenter, Mrs. Madeline Avery, Mrs. Kathleen Huenke, Mr. Richard Dase, Dr. Alexa Beshara-Blauth and Mr. James Gentile
Absent: Ms. Virginia A. Larrea and Mrs. Ethel Hermenau
Ms. Belinda Chester - arrived at 5:26pm

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 – SEPTEMBER 14, 2026

Action, Procedural: 2.1 Recess to Executive Session at 5:16pm

RESOLVED, that the Galloway Township board of Education shall meet in executive session on September 14, 2026 immediately, for the purpose of discussing Attorney Client by Communication and Personnel Matters.

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 Mr. Richard Dase, second by Mrs. Madeline Avery
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Dr. Sherri Parmenter, Mrs. Madeline Avery, Mrs. Kathleen Huenke, Mr. Richard Dase, Dr. Alexa Beshara-Blauth and Mr. James Gentile
Not Present at Vote: Ms. Belinda Chester, Ed.M.
Absent: Ms. Virginia A. Larrea and Mrs. Ethel Hermenau

Action: 2.2 Reconvene Open Public Meeting at 6:03pm

RESOLVED, that the Galloway Township Board of Education shall reconvene the Open Public Session.

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

3. MEETING OPENING

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Absent: Ms. Virginia A. Larrea and Mrs. Ethel Hermenau

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

Procedural: 1.4 Flag Salute
The flag salute will be led by Mrs. Madeline Avery

4. MINUTES

Action, Minutes: 4.1 August 10, 2026 - Regular Meeting Minutes
Action: 4.2 August 10, 2026 - Executive Meeting Minutes

Approve Minutes Items #4.1 through #4.2

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

5. READING OF COMMUNICATION

Information: 5.1 Letter of appreciation from Galloway Township Police Chief

6. PRESENTATIONS

Presentations, Information: 6.1 Access for ELLs and NJ Dynamic Learning Maps (NJDLM) District Test Reports
Presentations, Information: 6.2 Superintendent Update

7. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Information: 7.1 Guidelines for Public Comment at the Board of Education Meeting
None

8. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Reports: 8.1 Student Enrollment Report

Information: 8.2 NO VOTE NEEDED - Informational Items Only

9. CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

Action: 9.1 Fieldwork
Action: 9.2 Observation Hours for Preservice Speech Pathologists
Action: 9.3 Field Trips

Approve Curriculum & Instruction Item #9.1 through #9.3

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

10. FINANCE/FACILITIES

Information, Reports: 10.1 Finance and Facilities Committee Update
Chairperson Mr. Dase provided an update on the meeting.

Action, Information, Reports: 10.2 Food Service Reports - July 2026
Action, Information, Reports: 10.3 Food Service Reports - June 2026
Action: 10.4 Investment Report(s) for July 31, 2026
Action: 10.5 Board Secretary's Monthly Certification
Action: 10.6 Financial Report of the Board Secretary - July 2026
Action: 10.7 Financial Report of the Board Secretary - June 2026
Action: 10.8 Board Report of Receipts & Expenditures - July 2026
Action: 10.9 Board Report of Receipts & Expenditures - June 2026
Action: 10.10 Transfers for Ratification - July 2026
Action: 10.11 Transfers for Ratification - June 2026
Action: 10.12 Bills for Payment - September 2026
Action: 10.13 Professional Services Contract(s)
Action: 10.14 Accept Gifts, Grants & Donations
Action: 10.15 Staff paid through Grant Funding
Action: 10.16 Southern New Jersey Consortium Program Rate
Action: 10.17 Out of District Professional Development
Action: 10.18 Home Instruction

Action: 10.19 Transportation Agreement(s)
Action: 10.20 Tuition Receivable for McKinney Vento Students
Action: 10.21 Tuition Payable for Special Education Students
Action: 10.22 Tuition Receivable for Special Education Students
Action: 10.23 Community Use of School Facilities

Approve Finance & Facilities Items #10.2 through #10.23

Motion by Mr. Richard Dase, seconded by Mrs. Kathleen Huenke
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
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11. PERSONNEL

Action: 11.1 Resignation(s)
Action: 11.2 Termination(s)/Rescission(s)
Action: 11.3 Deactivation/Creation of Position(s)
Action: 11.4 Transfer(s)
Action: 11.5 Appointment(s)
Action: 11.6 Mentor(s)
Action: 11.7 Leave(s) of Absence
Action: 11.8 Adjustment(s)
Action: 11.9 Lateral Adjustment(s)

Approve Personnel Items #11.1 through #11.9

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Final Resolution: Motion Carries
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Information: 11.10 Introduce and Welcome New Hires

12. POLICY

Action: 12.1 Policy 2411 Career Education and Academic Counseling
Action: 12.2 Policy 2468 Independent Educational Evaluations
Action: 12.3 Policy 2631 New Jersey Quality Single Accountability Continuum (QSAC)
Action: 12.4 Policy 5516 Student Use of Internet-Enabled Devices
Action: 12.5 Policy 7446 School Security Program

Approve Policy Items for Second Reading and Adoption #12.1 through #12.5

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13. BOARD INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Information: 13.1 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

1. Jamira Hodson, Galloway resident, here as a mother, advocate for her 5 year old son, we have trusted the district with our child, leave has IEP, level 1 autism, transition school district child care, third party provider, five year old student got water in his eye in the restroom by other students, k-6 grade students lumped together, was altered after I spoke up. Why did a 5 year old have to inform me? I documented special needs during the registration process online. I appreciate addressing the larger issue- accountability, parents to be heard, legitimate concerns to the district, more than just an explanation of organization boundaries, even if the District doesn't have ability to respond to each 3rd party complaint. How can we work together to find a solution? No oversight? No recollection of IEP? How can we come together so all of our children are safe?
2. Tara Walsh, Galloway resident, my experience abysmal- I am big on communication, email program ahead of time, to make sure my child was where he needed to be, but on 2nd day waited for my child to get off the bus, informed by my child's bus driver I don't know where he is, I had panic attack, even though they were told on at least 4 occasions (writing 2 occasions) would not be attending right at school. Communications spoke with staff who said they hadn't been fully trained on the computer system yet. What steps are going to be taken to address ongoing issues with Right at School? Not only parent whose child has been misplaced. No materials for activities, is another concern? What is the capacity for licensing purposes?
3. Ryan Dreby, Galloway resident, Extreme lack of flexibility in program compared to last year. 2 days for the first week and one extra day, $50 a child, $100 for 2 kids for an hour and a half. Why was the program brought in the first place to replace the original program? How did this come about? Had issues with the program- first drop off day- program manager reeds road did not have program time at 7 instead thought it was 7:15. My other daughter was marked in the program, even though she was marked out- didn't get automatic notification till 8pm at night.
4. Andrea Martinez, Galloway resident, Expresses concern with outsource Right At School. My own experience with my son, who has been at this District since age 3, staff was not aware of his iep. Consistency is important, staff not aware. What is in place for accommodations? Why did we have to outsource in the first place? Self-funded previously and didn't take out of the operating budget. Parents deserve explanation why outsourcing was a better choice- previous program surplus or deficit? Has the district evaluated whether other families stopped participating because of complaints/money? Tremendous value to have current staff work with our students. Respectfully reconsider this decision. We want it to be affordable, accessible, and prepared to meet the needs of every child.
5. Shervon Cross- Galloway resident, I do not have kids with IEP, but my household relies upon before/care after/care. I work in a hospital. They now charge us $50 if we get stuck at work. The cost of the program is not really much different compared to the old one except this drop in rate and charging us on the first of the month. My kids haven't even used the program. I don't know how to use the system- put in way too many days. Are they going to refund the money when I find out how to use the system? Galloway was easy to reach- easy to fix mistakes. Pricing, flexibility and support of using the system, I ask the Board to take into consideration.
6. Elizabeth Heim, Galloway resident, Concerned with ability not to have flexibility and the drop in cost concern? Does not have a normal schedule- was anything looked at multiple days a

week parent vs non-consistent drop-in schedule? It is a hard pill to swallow- did we look at comparisons with what type of parents that we had?

Mr. Santilli responded to the Right at School public comments and concerns. He also explained why this decision was made and that this decision was not made lightly. We want to work with this community partner to improve this partnership. We want to start a committee of parents and also board members. We want to know the issues directly so we can follow-up. Those interested in the committee, please stay after our meeting and sign-up. Board members, Dr. Alexa Beshara-Blauth and Mrs. Kathleen Huenke also shared their interest in joining the committee.

15. FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Information, Procedural: 15.1 For the Good of the Order

Dr. Beshara-Blauth, welcome new hires and to all staff for the school year, look forward to seeing everyone at back to school nights.
Dr. Parmenter, congratulations to the new hires.
Mr. Gentile, welcome to the new hires and thank you to those who came tonight and expressed their concerns.

16. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Action, Procedural: 16.1 Possible 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 7:05 PM

Motion by Dr. Sherri Parmenter, second by Ms. Belinda Chester, Ed.M.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Ms. Belinda Chester, Ed.M., Dr. Sherri Parmenter, Mrs. Madeline Avery, Mrs. Kathleen Huenke, Mr. Richard Dase, Dr. Alexa Beshara-Blauth and Mr. James Gentile
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Respectfully Submitted,

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