

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING

Monday, August 10, 2026

7:00 p.m.

A. AGENDA:

1. Call to order by President.

Time: _____

The New Jersey Open Public Meeting Law was enacted to ensure the right of the public to have notice of and to attend the meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting their interests is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the provisions of this act, the Washington Township Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be emailed on January 6, 2026, to the Clerk of Washington Township, posted on the district website and in both Brass Castle and Port Colden Schools.

2. Roll Call:

	Amie Beyrent	Jasmine Francisco	Edward Kemp	Jennifer Knittel	Nicholas Riess	Robert Yench	Karen Graf
Present							

3. Flag Salute

4. Motion by _____, seconded by _____, to approve the minutes of July 13, 2026, as presented. **(Attachment #1)**

MV:

B. PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION: (Agenda items)

(The public may speak for three (3) minutes unless they have requested to be on the agenda.)

C. SECRETARY'S REPORT:

5. Motion by _____, seconded by _____, to approve the Student Activity and Cafeteria Reports, as presented. **(Attachment #2)**

MV:

6. Motion by _____, seconded by _____, to approve the attached transfers, as recommended by the Superintendent. **(Attachment #3)**

RCV:

	Amie Beyrent	Jasmine Francisco	Edward Kemp	Jennifer Knittel	Nicholas Riess	Robert Yench	Karen Graf
Yes							
No							
Abstain							

7. Motion by _____, seconded by _____, to approve the Bills List for July 2026.

(Attachment #4)

MV:

8. Motion by _____, seconded by _____, to approve the Board Secretary's and Cash Reports for the month ending June 30, 2026, as presented. **(Attachment #5)**

RCV:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Washington Township Board Secretary, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16, 10(c) 3, does hereby certify that as of the date of these reports, no line-item account has encumbrances and expenditures, which in total exceed the line-item appropriation in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A: 23A-16.10 (a);

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Superintendent recommends that the Washington Township Board of Education accept the monthly financial reports of the Secretary and further recommends, in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A: 23A-16.10 (c) 4, that the Board of Education Certifies that no major account has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A: 23A-16.10 (b), and that as of this report sufficient funds are available to meet the District's financial obligations for the remainder of the year.

	Amie Beyrent	Jasmine Francisco	Edward Kemp	Jennifer Knittel	Nicholas Riess	Robert Yench	Karen Graf
Yes							
No							
Abstain							

D. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: (Attachment #6)

9. Motion by _____, seconded by _____, to approve up to three (3) additional days for the Child Study Team to service students in the district from July 1, 2026 - August 21, 2026, as recommended by the Superintendent.

RCV:

	Amie Beyrent	Jasmine Francisco	Edward Kemp	Jennifer Knittel	Nicholas Riess	Robert Yench	Karen Graf
Yes							
No							
Abstain							

10. Motion by _____, seconded by _____, to approve the following personnel for the 2026-27 school year, pending completion of employment requirements, as recommended by the Superintendent.

RCV:

Employee	Position	Salary/Rate/Per Diem
Victoria Andrews	Special Education Teacher	BA +15, Step 4 - \$61,115
Samantha Sikora	Media Specialist	BA, Step 2 - \$57,815
Zoe Nast	Long Term Substitute - Art	MA, Step 1 - \$60,715
Jeanette Nolan	Paraprofessional	Step C, \$20.50 hr.
Catherine Murray	Paraprofessional	Step B, \$20.00 hr.
Theresa Rooth	Paraprofessional	Step A, \$19.50 hr.
Rachael Dagostino	Paraprofessional	Step B, \$20.00 hr.

Nicole Rakowski	Paraprofessional	Step A, \$19.50 hr.
Allison Pawloski	Substitute	Daily Rate
Addison Conaboy	Substitute	Daily Rate
Dawn Harper	Substitute	Daily Rate
Breanna Smith	Substitute	Daily Rate
Sondra Duncan	Substitute	Daily Rate
Julianna Fox	Substitute	Daily Rate
Alazia Boulding	Substitute	Daily Rate

*** If ABA is required, an additional \$2.00 will be added to the Paraprofessional hourly rate.**

	Amie Beyrent	Jasmine Francisco	Edward Kemp	Jennifer Knittel	Nicholas Riess	Robert Yench	Karen Graf
Yes							
No							
Abstain							

11. Motion by _____, seconded by _____, to approve the Professional Development Program, as recommended by the Superintendent.

RCV:

Staff Member	Type of Travel/Workshop	Registration Fee	Dates	Mileage RT	Parking	Tolls	Lodging	Meals
Susan Peterson	Orton-Gillingham (virtual)	\$1750.00	July 20-24, 2026	-	-	-	-	-
Zaida Amon	AI Workflows for CEFM's	\$0	July 22, 2026	62	-	-	-	-
Eva Preuett	NJASBO for Business Administrators	\$199/class 8 x 199 = \$1,592	September 22, November 12, December 15, January 12, February 16, March 11, April 13, May 11	46.3 miles/ each way	-	-	-	-

	Amie Beyrent	Jasmine Francisco	Edward Kemp	Jennifer Knittel	Nicholas Riess	Robert Yench	Karen Graf
Yes							
No							
Abstain							

12. Motion by _____, seconded by _____, to approve the Lake Drive School Special Education Tuition Contract Agreement 2026-2027 for student #16147103 between the Washington Township Board of Education and the Mountain Lakes Board of Education, in the amount of \$94,050.00, effective July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027, as recommended by the Superintendent.

RCV:

	Amie Beyrent	Jasmine Francisco	Edward Kemp	Jennifer Knittel	Nicholas Riess	Robert Yench	Karen Graf
Yes							
No							
Abstain							

13. Motion by _____, seconded by _____, to approve the submission of the FY27 ESEA Grant application as recommended by the Superintendent.

RCV:

Title I -A	\$54,357
Title II - A	\$ 9,610
Title III	\$ 715*
Title IV	\$10,000
Total	\$74,682

*** District rejects Title III funding as grant requires minimum \$10,000 allocation**

	Amie Beyrent	Jasmine Francisco	Edward Kemp	Jennifer Knittel	Nicholas Riess	Robert Yench	Karen Graf
Yes							
No							
Abstain							

14. Motion by _____, seconded by _____, to approve the contract between Raptor Technologies and the Washington Township Board of Education for a visitor management system in the amount of \$4,036 for the 2026-2027 school year as recommended by the Superintendent.

RCV:

	Amie Beyrent	Jasmine Francisco	Edward Kemp	Jennifer Knittel	Nicholas Riess	Robert Yench	Karen Graf
Yes							
No							
Abstain							

E. PRINCIPALS' REPORT (Attachment #7)

F. CORRESPONDENCE:

G. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Education:

Facilities:

15. Motion by _____, seconded by _____, to approve the bus routes for the 2026-2027 school year, as recommended by the Superintendent. **(Attachment #8)**

RCV:

	Amie Beyrent	Jasmine Francisco	Edward Kemp	Jennifer Knittel	Nicholas Riess	Robert Yench	Karen Graf
Yes							
No							
Abstain							

Finance & Policy:

16. Motion by _____, seconded by _____, to approve the first reading of Policy 2422 Statutory Curricular Requirements, as recommended by the Superintendent. **(Attachment #9)**

RCV:

Policy Alert 235

- P 2422 Statutory Curricular Requirements (M) (Revised)

	Amie Beyrent	Jasmine Francisco	Edward Kemp	Jennifer Knittel	Nicholas Riess	Robert Yench	Karen Graf
Yes							
No							
Abstain							

17. Motion by _____, seconded by _____, to approve the second reading and adoption of Policy Alert 235 as recommended by the Superintendent. **(Attachment #9a)**

RCV:

Policy Alert 235

- P 0173 Duties of Public School Accountant (Revised)
- P 0174 Legal Services (M) (Revised)
- P 0177 Professional Services (M) (Revised)
- P & R 1570 Internal Controls (M) (Revised)
- P 1620 Administrative Employment Contracts (M) (Revised)
- P & R 6111 Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Program (M) (Revised)
- P 6220 Budget Preparation (M) (Revised)
- R 6220 Budget Preparation (Revised)
- P 0143 Board Member Election and Appointment (Revised)
- P 1636.01 Notification of Promotion, New Job, and Transfer Opportunities (New)
- P 1648.15 Recordkeeping for Healthcare Settings In School Buildings – Covid-19 (M) (Abolished)
- P 5339.01 Student Sun Protection (M) (New)

	Amie Beyrent	Jasmine Francisco	Edward Kemp	Jennifer Knittel	Nicholas Riess	Robert Yench	Karen Graf
Yes							
No							
Abstain							

18. Motion by _____, seconded by _____, to approve the second reading and adoption of Policy Alert 236 as recommended by the Superintendent. **(Attachment #10)**

RCV:

Policy Alert 236

- P 0142.1 Nepotism (M) (Revised)
- P 1220 Employment of Chief School Administrator (M) (Revised)

- P & R 1552 Sexual Harassment – Staff (M) (New)
- P & R 2530 Resource Materials (Revised)
- P & R 2535 Library Material (M) (New)
- P 3362 Sexual Harassment (M) (Abolished)
- R 3362 Sexual Harassment of Teaching Staff Complaint Procedure (Abolished)
- P 4352 Sexual Harassment (M) (Abolished)
- R 4352 Sexual Harassment of Support Staff Complaint Procedure (Abolished)
- P & R 9130 Public Complaints (Revised)

	Amie Beyrent	Jasmine Francisco	Edward Kemp	Jennifer Knittel	Nicholas Riess	Robert Yench	Karen Graf
Yes							
No							
Abstain							

19. Motion by _____, seconded by _____, to approve the second reading and adoption of Policy 2260 Equity in School and Classroom Practices, as recommended by the Superintendent. **(Attachment #11)**

RCV:

Policy Alert 237

- P 2260 Equity in School and Classroom Practices (M) (Revised)

	Amie Beyrent	Jasmine Francisco	Edward Kemp	Jennifer Knittel	Nicholas Riess	Robert Yench	Karen Graf
Yes							
No							
Abstain							

20. Motion by _____, seconded by _____, to approve the second reading and adoption of Policy Alert 237 as recommended by the Superintendent. **(Attachment #11a)**

RCV:

Policy Alert 237

- P 1230 Superintendent's Duties (M) (Revised)
- P 2200 Curriculum (M) (Revised)
- R 2200 Curriculum Content (M) (Abolished)
- P 2411 Career Education and Academic Counseling (M) (Revised)
- R 2411 Guidance Counseling (M) (Abolished)
- P 0162 Notice of Board Meetings (Revised)
- P 0162.01 Legal Notices (M) (New)
- P 1643 Family Leave (M) (Revised)
- R 2460.30 Additional/Compensatory Special Ed. and Related (M) (Abolished)
- P 5561 Use of Physical Restraint and Seclusion Techniques for Students with Disabilities (M) (Revised)
- P 6112 Reimbursement of Federal and Other Grant Expenditures (M) (Revised)

- R 6115.01 Federal Awards/Funds Internal Controls – Allowability of Costs (M) (Rev)
- P 6115.02 Federal Awards/Funds Internal Controls – Mandatory Disclosures (M) (Rev)
- P 6311 Contracts for Goods or Services Funded by Federal Grants (M) (Revised)
- P 8561 Procurement Procedures for School Nutrition Programs (M) (Revised)

	Amie Beyrent	Jasmine Francisco	Edward Kemp	Jennifer Knittel	Nicholas Riess	Robert Yench	Karen Graf
Yes							
No							
Abstain							

Personnel:

H. PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION - old and/or new business

(The public may speak for three (3) minutes on non-agenda items unless they have requested to be on the agenda.)

I. EXECUTIVE SESSION - if required as indicated in items i below:

21. Motion by _____, seconded by _____, the Board of Education of the Washington Township School District in the County of Warren, will adjourn into a closed meeting to discuss the item (s) which falls within an exception of our open meetings policy and permits the Board to have a private discussion, since it deals with specific exceptions contained in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 b.

- a. Matters rendered confidential by Federal Law, State Law, or Court Rule.
- b. Individual privacy
- c. Collective bargaining agreements
- d. Purchase or lease of real property if public interest could be adversely affected
- e. Investment of public funds if public interest could be adversely affected
- f. Tactics or techniques utilized in protecting public safety and property
- g. Pending or anticipated litigation
- h. Attorney-client privilege
- i. Personnel - employment matters affecting a specific prospective or current employee

Be it resolved that the Board will now go into private session to discuss matters rendered confidential by Individual privacy. Any discussion held by the Board, which need not remain confidential, will be made public as soon as practical. Minutes of the private session will not be disclosed until the need for confidentiality no longer exists. All appropriate persons, who may be discussed in private session, have been adequately notified.

MV: _____

Time: _____

22. Motion by _____, seconded by _____, to return to open session.

MV: _____

Time: _____

23. Motion by _____, seconded by _____, to approve the revised employment contract for Zaida Amon, as the Facilities Coordinator, effective July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, as recommended by the Superintendent. **(Attachment #12)**

RCV:

	Amie Beyrent	Jasmine Francisco	Edward Kemp	Jennifer Knittel	Nicholas Riess	Robert Yench	Karen Graf
Yes							
No							
Abstain							

J. ADJOURNMENT

24. Motion by _____, seconded by _____, to adjourn.

MV: _____

Time: _____