

**LEBANON BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**MINUTES
Regular Business Meeting
December 2, 2025 at 6:30 pm**

CALL TO ORDER: D. Abeles called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

**PUBLICATION
OF NOTICE:**

In accordance with the provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, Laws of 1975, adequate notice of this meeting was provided through the annual public notice on January 14, 2025

- a. Faxing to two newspapers designated by the Board – Hunterdon County Democrat and Hunterdon Review
- b. Posting on the District Website, the main bulletin board in the Administration Office and in each Lebanon Borough School
- c. Filing with the Clerk of Lebanon Borough

ROLL CALL:

Present: *Board Members:*

David Abeles, Board President
Danielle Nugent, Vice President
Chrysi Dower
Vincent Maglione
Benedict Valliere

District Administrators:

Dr. Bruce Arcurio, Chief School Administrator
Mrs. Patricia Duell, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

PLEDGE OF

ALLEGIANCE: D. Abeles led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

Mr. Abeles welcomed everyone to the meeting and congratulated the recently elected board members back to their respective seats for the new year.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS:

District's Policy 0167 - Public Participation in Board Meetings. The Board of Education recognizes the value of public comment on educational issues and the importance of allowing members of the public to express themselves on school matters of community interest. In order to permit the fair and orderly expression of such comment, the Board shall provide for a period of public comments at every regularly scheduled meeting of the Board. Public participation shall be governed by the following rules:

- 1. A participant must be recognized by the presiding officer and must preface comments by an announcement of his or her name, place of residence, and group affiliation, if appropriate.*
- 2. Each statement made by a participant shall be limited to a reasonable time as determined by the presiding officer.*
- 3. No participant may speak more than once on the same topic until all others who wish to speak on that topic have been heard.*
- 4. All statements shall be directed to the presiding officer; no participant may address or question Board members individually.*
- 5. The presiding officer may*
 - (a) Interrupt, warn, or terminate a participant's statement when the statement is too lengthy, personally directed, abusive, obscene, or irrelevant to the district;*
 - (b) Request any individual to leave the meeting when that person does not observe reasonable decorum;*
 - (c) Request the assistance of law enforcement officers in the removal of a disorderly person when that person's conduct interferes with the orderly progress of the meeting;*
 - (d) Call for a recess or an adjournment to another time when the lack of public decorum so interferes with the orderly conduct of the meeting as to warrant such action; and waive these rules when necessary for the protection of privacy or the efficient administration of the Board's business.*

Marlene Baldinger, Brunswick Ave thanked the board for having a second comment period on the agenda and commented on the upcoming TREPS marketplace.

REPORT OF THE CHIEF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR

Action 26-CSA-05:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby accepts the School Safety and HIB report for the months of November 2025.

Motion by: B. Valliere, Second by: V. Maglione. The Board adopts the resolution on a roll call vote as follows: 5 ayes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

CSA Discussion:

Thanks were given to Dr. Arcurio for attending the monthly School Boards Association meeting where our Business Administrator was presenting.

Report of the School Business Administrator:

Informational: *The next meeting is Tuesday, January 6, 2026 at 6:30 pm. This will be our reorganization meeting.*

Presentation on how to read the Board Secretary's Reports

ACTION ITEMS 26-BA-21:

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BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education hereby **approves the following Board Meeting Minutes for:**

<u>Minutes: Regular Session</u>	<u>Executive Session</u>
November 11, 2025	November 11, 2025

Motion for Action Items 26-BA-21:

Motion by: D. Nugent, Second by: B. Valliere. The Board adopts the resolution on a roll call vote as follows: 5 ayes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

BA Discussion:

Discussion on reserve accounts and how district funds flow throughout the different funds.

OLD BUSINESS:

Clinton Public School Meeting Update – B. Valliere

FACILITY/FINANCE/POLICY:

Action Items 26-FFP-32:

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BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby approves the **payment of bills** for the period ending **December 2, 2025 in the amount of \$185,967.93.**

Motion for Action Items 26-FFP-32:

Motion by: V. Maglione, Second by: B. Valliere. The Board adopts the resolution on a roll call vote as follows: 5 ayes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

FFP Discussion:

None

RECOGNITION OF PUBLIC- COMMENT SECTION II:

All public comments will be strictly governed by District Policy 0167 as stated in first public comment section.

Mrs. Kosciulek, school nurse commented on the presentation by the Business Administrator and thanked us for diligence in what we do.

Marlene Baldinger thanked us for the presentation also and spoke about the updates on the park renovations, students attending the council meeting to provide input on how the park project affects them.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ben Valliere announced that he needs to resign from the school board due to being elected on the Town Council effective January 1, 2026. We will need to advertise and appoint a new board member in January to fill his one-year unexpired term.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

WHEREAS, while Sen. Byron M. Baer Open Public Meetings Act requires all meetings of the Lebanon Borough Board of Education to be held in public, NJSA 10:4-12(b) sets forth nine types of matters that may lawfully be discussed in Executive Session, without the public being permitted to attend, and

WHEREAS, the Lebanon Borough Board of Education has determined that the following issue(s) are permitted by NJSA 10:4-12(b) to be discussed without the public in attendance shall be discussed during an Executive Session; and

WHEREAS, the nature of the following matters, described as specifically as possible without undermining the need for confidentiality are:

CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS

The length of the Executive Session is estimated to be thirty (30) minutes after which the meeting shall reconvene in public session.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lebanon Borough Board of Education will go into Executive Session for only the above state reasons; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Lebanon Borough Board of Education hereby declares that its discussion of the aforementioned subject will be revealed once a conclusion has been reached as to the matter subject to the discussion.

Formal action will not be taken.

Motion by B. Valliere, Second by D. Nugent. The resolution is adopted by the full membership of the board at 7:45 pm.

Motion to exit:

Motion by B. Valliere, Second by D. Nugent. The resolution is adopted by the full membership of the board at 8:38 pm.

ADJOURNMENT:

Action Item 26-AD-05:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education adjourns this meeting.

Motion by B. Valliere, Second by D. Nugent. The resolution is adopted by the full membership of the board at 8:39 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Patricia Duell
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Minutes prepared: December 3, 2025
Minutes remain unofficial until formally approved by the board.

David Abeles, Board President

Date