

**LEBANON BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

MINUTES

**Regular Business Meeting
February 3, 2026 at 6:30 pm**

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

**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 27, 2026.

- a. Faxing to two newspapers designated by the Board – Hunterdon County Democrat and Express Times
- 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
Chrysi Dower
Vincent Maglione arrived 6:34
Danielle Nugent
Danelle 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.

Board Member Oath:

Swearing in of new Board Member:

Chrysi Dower, 2-year unexpired term, January 2026-December 2027

ETHICS PRESENTATION:

Patrick Carrigg, Board Attorney – Lenox Law Firm

BOARD PRESIDENT COMMENTS:

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:

Marlene Baldinger, Brunswick Ave. commented on the decision to send 6th grade to Clinton Public School next year, appreciation for transparency and as Borough President offered support to the school district.

Susie Abeles commented with enthusiasm on 6th grade transition to Clinton Public School.

REPORT OF THE CHIEF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR

Action 26-CSA-07:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby accepts the School Safety and HIB report for the month of January 2026.

CSA Discussion:

None

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

Report of the School Business Administrator:

Informational: The next meeting is Tuesday, March 16, 2026 at 6:30 pm. We will be voting on a tentative budget to be sent to the county office at this meeting, which is causing the meeting to be moved to a later date after the March 10th Governor's budget address.

Policy Review: The following policies are up for a first reading:

<i>Policy Number</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Regulation Number</i>	<i>Title</i>
0142.1	<i>Nepotism (M)</i>		
1220	<i>Employment of Chief School Administrator (M)</i>		
1552	<i>Sexual Harassment-Staff (M)</i>	1552	<i>Sexual Harassment-Staff (M)</i>
2530	<i>Resource Materials</i>	2530	<i>Resource Materials</i>
2535	<i>Library Material (M)</i>	2535	<i>Library Material (M)</i>
3362	<i>Sexual harassment (M) Abolished</i>	3362	<i>Sexual Harassment Complaint Materials (M) Abolished</i>
4352	<i>Sexual Harassment (M) - Abolished</i>	4352	<i>Sexual Harassment Complaint Materials (M) - Abolished</i>
9130	<i>Public Complaints</i>	9130	<i>Public Complaints</i>

ACTION ITEMS 26-BA-27 through 26-BA-31:

Action 26-BA-27:

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>
January 6, 2025	January 6, 2025

Action 26-BA-28:

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education hereby **approves the Board Secretary Reports for the period ending:**

December 31, 2025

Action 26-BA-29:

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education hereby **approves the Treasurer's Reports for the period ending:**

December 31, 2025

Action 26-BA-30:

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education hereby **approves the Line item Transfers for the period ending:**

December 31, 2025

Action 26-BA-31:

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education does hereby certify that as of the date of these reports, no line item account has encumbrances and/or expenditures which in total exceed the line item appropriation in violation of NJAC 6A:23A-16.10 c 3&4

AND BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chief School Administrator recommends that the Lebanon Borough Board of Education **accept the monthly financial reports of the Secretary and Treasurer of School Monies for the following periods:**

December 31, 2025

AND FURTHER RECOMMENDS, that the Board of Education certify that no major account has been over-expended in violation of NJAC 6A:23A-16.10 and that as of this report date, sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the school year.

Motion for Action Items 26-BA-27 through 26-BA-31:

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

BA Discussion:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

Clinton Public School Board Meeting Update: Danielle Nugent

FACILITY/FINANCE/POLICY:

Action Items 26-FFP-36 through 26-FFP-40:

Action item 26-FFP-36:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby approves the **payment of bills** for the period ending **February 3, 2025 in the amount of \$272,054.32.**

Action item 26-FFP-37:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby approves the submission of the **Student Safety Data System** for report period 1 as attached.

Action item 26-FFP-38:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby approves the following field trip:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Grade</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Transportation</i>
5/19/2025	Grade Pre-K - 1	Echo Hill Park	Hunterdon County ESC

Action item 26-FFP-39:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby approves the 5-year Interlocal Services Agreement with the Clinton-Glen Gardner School District to send 6th grade students to the Clinton Public School beginning in the 2026-2027 school year at a flat rate of \$100,000 per year.

Action item 26-FFP-40:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby approves the first reading of the following Policies and Regulations:

<i>Policy Number</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Regulation Number</i>	<i>Title</i>
0142.1	Nepotism (M)		
1220	Employment of Chief School Administrator (M)		
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Motion for Action Items 26-FFP-36 through 25-FFP-40:

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

FFP Discussion:

None

PERSONNEL/NEGOTIATIONS/CURRICULUM/COMMUNICATIONS:

Action Items 26-PNCC-13 through 26-PNCC-14 :

Action Item 26-PNCC-13:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby approves the employment contract with Dr. Bruce Arcurio as Chief School Administrator for the period July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2029 as attached.

Action Item 26-PNCC-14:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby approves the 10 week Chess Club with Advisor SMID # 52113875 for the 25/26 school year.

Motion for Action Items 26-PNCC-13 through 26-PNCC-14 :

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

PNCC Discussion:

Discussion on age group for the Chess Club.

RECOGNITION OF PUBLIC:

Marlene Baldinger, Brunswick Ave. updated the board on the park renovations and congratulated Dr. Arcurio for his new employment contract with the board.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

Action Item 26-AD-07:

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

Motion by C. Dower, Second by V. Maglione. The full membership of the board adopts the resolution at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Patricia Duell
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Minutes prepared February 4, 2026
Minutes remain unofficial until formally adopted by the board.

David Abeles
Board President

Date