

**LEBANON BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**MINUTES
Regular Business Meeting
October 7, 2025 at 6:30 pm**

CALL TO ORDER: D. Abeles called the meeting to order at 6:33 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

Absent: 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, commented on the Go Hunterdon Gold Award that the school received and thanked the board and administration for their flexibility and steadfastness that they have continually shown over the years.

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.*

No Public Comment

REPORT OF THE CHIEF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR

Action 26-CSA-03:

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

Motion by: D. Nugent, Second by V. Maglione. The board adopts the resolution on a roll call vote as follows: 4 ayes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

CSA Discussion:

Discussion on PTA Fundraisers

Report of the School Business Administrator:

Informational: The next meeting is Tuesday, November 11, 2025 at 6:30 pm. Discussion meeting date and we will decide if a change is needed closer to that date if the Borough Planning Board meets on the same evening.

Building – Informed the board that we had a leak from the air conditioning units in the library and need to replace the wooden bookcases due to mold growth.

ACTION ITEMS 26-BA-11 THROUGH 26-BA-15:

Action 26-BA-11:

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

Minutes: Regular Session
September 2, 2025

Action 26-BA-12:

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

August 31, 2025

Action 26-BA-13:

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

August 31, 2025

Action 26-BA-14:

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

August 31, 2025

Action 26-BA-15:

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:***

August 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-11 through 26-BA-15:

Motion by: V. Maglione, Second by D. Nugent. The board adopts the resolution on a roll call vote as follows: 4 ayes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

BA Discussion:

Discussion on holding a special election for Vote16.

OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion on payment for driveway lease.

FACILITY/FINANCE/POLICY:

Action Items 26-FFP-22 through 26-FFP-25:

Action item 26-FFP-22:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby approves the **payment of bills** for the period ending **October 7, 2025 in the amount of \$ 346,952.21.**

Action item 26-FFP-23:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby approves the following facility use requests for the 25/26 school year:

<i>Group</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Building Use:</i>
<i>LaPointe Academy of Irish Dance</i>	<i>Tuesday evenings beginning 9/9/2025 through June 30, 2026</i>	<i>5 – 6:30 pm; Multi-purpose room @ rate of \$50 per hour</i>
<i>Lebanon Borough PTA Events</i>	<i>TBD – As approved by Chief School Administrator</i>	<i>As Needed</i>

Action item 26-FFP-24:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby approves the following travel requests for the 25/26 school year:

<i>Employee</i>	<i>Program/Place</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Reimbursement</i>
<i>Tricia Duell</i>	<i>Dept. of Education Presents Update Workshop Whippany, NJ</i>	<i>10/14/2025</i>	<i>OMB</i>
<i>Torres, Christopher</i>	<i>NJAHPERD Adapted Health and Phys Ed Conference</i>	<i>11/10/2025</i>	<i>OMB</i>
<i>Heller, Kelly</i>	<i>Special Ed. Legal Update Franklin Twp. (Somerset) NJ</i>	<i>10/29/2025</i>	<i>OMB</i>
<i>Arcurio, Bruce</i>	<i>Hunterdon County Superintendent Articulation Meetings</i>	<i>Third Thursday of each month Annandale, NJ</i>	<i>OMB</i>

Action item 26-FFP-25:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby approves the submission of the School Self-Assessment for Determining Grades under the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act for the 2024/2025 school year as attached.

Motion for Action Items 26-FFP-22 through 26-FFP-25:

Motion by: C. Dower, Second by V. Maglione. The board adopts the resolution on a roll call vote as follows: 4 ayes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

FFP Discussion:

Discussion on what adapted physical education is.

PERSONNEL/NEGOTIATIONS/CURRICULUM/COMMUNICATIONS:

Action Items 26-PNCC-07:

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BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby approves the following advisors and clubs for the 2025/2026 school year:

Activity	Advisor (SMID #)
Kickball	88504618 & 41861766
Outdoor Science and Nature	52815990 & 41861766
Student Council	52808037 & 52113875
Safety Patrol	35378256
Knitting	52816543

Yearbook	52815990
Intervention & Referral Service	52815453

Motion for Action Items 26-PNCC-07:

Motion by: V. Maglione, Second by C. Dower. The board adopts the resolution on a roll call vote as follows: 4 ayes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

PNCC Discussion:

Positive feedback was given on the kickball club.

RECOGNITION OF PUBLIC- COMMENT SECTION II:

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

NEW BUSINESS:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

Action Item 26-AD-03:

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

Motion by D. Nugent, Second by C. Dower. The full membership of the board adopts the resolution at 7:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Patricia Duell
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Minutes prepared: October 8, 2025
Minutes remain unofficial until formally adopted by the board.

David Abeles
Board President

Date