**LITTLE FALLS SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**LITTLE FALLS, NEW JERSEY**
**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: Tuesday August 18, 2026**

**Dr. Capizzi called the meeting to order at 6:00PM**

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. FLAG SALUTE

III. PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT

In accordance with the provisions of the New Jersey Public Meetings Act, the Little Falls Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting by notifying the Board's official newspaper, the local parent-teacher associations, and posting same on the Community Bulletin Board and the District's Website.

IV. ROLL CALL

| | Yes | No | Abstain/Absent |
|---|---|---|---|
| Ms. Janine Barone | | | ✓ Absent |
| Ms. Desiree DiBuono | | | ✓ Absent |
| Ms. Patricia Lijoi | | | ✓ Absent |
| Ms. Nicole Smith | ✓ | | |
| Mr. Michael Tullo | ✓ | | |
| Ms. Shannon Zurbruegg | ✓ | | |
| Dr. Rachel Capizzi | ✓ | | |

V. CORRESPONDENCE-None

VI. MINUTES

MOVE that the Little Falls Board of Education approve the Minutes of the following Meeting.

1. Executive Meeting June 22, 2026
2. Regular Meeting June 22, 2026

M: Mrs. Smith S: Mrs. Zurbruegg

VII. OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC – (**Limited to Agenda Items Only**)
M: Shannon Zurbruegg S: Nicole Smith

VIII. PRESENTATION- None

IX. PRESIDENT'S REPORT- Dr. Capizzi

X. SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS (Mrs. Tracey Marinelli)

1. Superintendent's Report. **(Exhibit A)**
   **Mrs. Marinelli advised the Board of the following:**

- All safety and security drill have been performed for our Extended School Year classes
- Meetings have held with the new police chief, mayor, community officer, Captain Gilchrist, and the administration team
- District wide push notifications to be promoted
- Joint bus safety initiative, Unmarked police cars will follow our school buses. Drivers will be ticket to drivers who pass the buses.
- School start and end time have been changed and are on the GENDA FOR APPROVAL
- Cell phone and smart watch policy is on the agenda for approval
- QSAC results are in! We received 100 % in Curriculum, 100% personnel, 100% in Governance and Finance, Instruction and Program 88 %
- First day for staff is August 31, 2026
- Open house for the third and fifth grades are on August 31, 2026
- School and District Goals are on the agenda for approval.

2. BE IT RESOLVEDs, that the Little Falls Board of Education affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB investigations (SC1-005-4-23-26-LFD-018, SC1-006-4-28-26-LFD-019, SC3-010-6-11-26-LFD-020) for the reason set forth in the Superintendent's decision to the students' parents, and directs the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to transmit a copy of the Board's decision to affected students' parents.

M:Mrs. Smith S: Mrs. Zurbruegg

| | Yes | No | Abstain/Absent |
|---|---|---|---|
| Ms. Janine Barone | | | ✓ Absent |
| Ms. Desiree DiBuono | | | ✓ Absent |
| Ms. Patricia Lijoi | | | ✓ Absent |
| Ms. Nicole Smith | ✓ | | |
| Mr. Michael Tullo | ✓ | | |
| Ms. Shannon Zurbruegg | ✓ | | |
| Dr. Rachel Capizzi | ✓ | | |

XI. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/BOARD SECRETARY REPORT-(Melissa Sanzari-Stevens)
Mrs. Stevens advised the Board of the following:

- Summer construction is ongoing. Custodial staff working around projects
- Roofs scheduled to be completed prior to school start
- School #2 art room and stairs progressing; stair treads may be delayed
- Board office project progressing, slated for completion in November
- Targeting bid for School #2 addition by the end of September
- A paraprofessional resignation was added to the supplemental agenda

XII. COMMITTEE REPORTS- None

XIII. SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA

1. WHEREAS, on March 24, 2026, the Little Falls Board of Education awarded Accurate Construction original bid for Art Room, Toilets & Stairs the total contract lump sum of $644,900.00; and

   WHEREAS, changes are necessary in order for the project to be completed; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, the Little Falls Board of Education approves the following change orders to Accurate Construction in the amount of $4,658.12, to supply materials and labor to install new plaster finish to receive new ceramic tile:

| | |
|---|---|
| • Original Contract Amount | $662,590.00 |
| • Net Change By Previous Orders | $ 0.00 |
| • Revised Contract Amount Prior to Change Order | $662,590.00 |
| • Total Cost of This Change Order | $ 4,658.12 |
| • Revised Contract Amount | $662,590.00 |

2. The Little Falls Board of Education approve the following Felician University students for sixty hours of student clinical experience to be performed for the 2026-2027 School year.

   Dania Mansour

3. The Little Falls Board of Education approve the appointment of Erjola Suparaku, paraprofessional, step 1, September 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027, pending all background check.

4. The Little Falls Board of Education approve the appointment of Niurka Martinez, paraprofessional, step 1, September 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027, pending all background check.

5. The Little Falls Board of Education accept the resignation of Paola Crespo, paraprofessional, School #2, effective August 18, 2026.

   Mrs. Stevens answered questions inquiring about the change orders.

XIV. CONSENT AGENDA

M:Mrs. Smith S: Mrs. Zurbruegg

| | Yes | No | Abstain/Absent |
|---|---|---|---|
| Ms. Janine Barone | | | ✓ Absent |
| Ms. Desiree DiBuono | | | ✓ Absent |
| Ms. Patricia Lijoi | | | ✓ Absent |
| Ms. Nicole Smith | ✓ | | |
| Mr. Michael Tullo | ✓ | | |
| Ms. Shannon Zurbruegg | ✓ | | |
| Dr. Rachel Capizzi | ✓ | | |

**RESOLUTIONS FOR CONSENT AGENDA (XIV)**

Be IT RESOLVED, UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS in conjunction with the Business Administrator/Board Secretary move that the following actions be taken:

A. **PERSONNEL, NEGOTIATIONS, AND FINANCE**

1. The Little Falls Board of Education approve the list of bills dated August 18, 2026, Warrant No.'s # 32404 thru #32570(Current Account) totaling $1,074,294.60; Wire Transfer #07092026& 08112026 (Health Insurance)totaling $ 759,387.18 Warrant No. #1371 thru #1381 (Cafeteria Account) totaling $60,761.09 ; Warrant #1109 thru # 1115 (Before & After Care Account) totaling $11,553.14; Wire Transfers #7292026 (Debt Service) totaling $256,605.00; Wire Transfer # 729206 (Steelcase Financial) totaling $241,256.33; Wire Transfer # 06222026, #06292026,#07102026,#07232026,& #08032026 (postage) totaling $1,100.00; Warrant #1096 (SUI Account) totaling $1,018.11 be paid if, properly sworn to and funds are available in accordance with Board of Education Policy and to be appended to the minutes of this meeting. The School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11I3, certifies that no line-item account has encumbrances and expenditures, which in total exceed the line-item appropriation in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(a) and the Board of Education, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(c)4, certifies that after review of the Board Secretary's & Treasurer's –monthly financial reports that no major account or fund has been over-expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(b). Further, the Board of Education and the Business Administrator/Board Secretary certify that major accounts/fund balances have not been over-expended and that sufficient funds are

available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year. (Exhibit B)

2. The Little Falls Board of Education authorize the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary's action of making transfers prior to the Board Meeting as per the attach June 30, 2026 Transfer Report**.** (Exhibit B-1)

3. The Little Falls Board of Education authorize the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary's action of making transfers prior to the Board Meeting as per the attach July 31, 2026 Transfer Report**.** (Exhibit B-2)

4. The Little Falls Board of Education approves the Monthly Report of County Transfers for June 30, 2026. (Exhibit B-3)

5. The Little Falls Board of Education accept the Treasurer and Secretary's Reports for the month ending June 30, 2026**.** (Exhibit C)

6. The Little Falls Board of Education accept the Treasurer and Secretary's Reports for the month ending July 31, 2026**.** (Exhibit C-1)

7. The Little Falls Board of Education authorize the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary to submit the attached bills list dated through August 18, 2026, to the trustee M&TBank, for the purpose of the Passaic County improvement Authority Project (PCIA). (Exhibit D

8. The Little Falls School District Board of Education, in the County of Passaic, New Jersey approves the following tuition rates for non-resident pupils for events for 2026 – 2027 School Year.

| **REGULAR TUITION** | **2026-2027 School Year** |
|---|---|
| Preschool/Kindergarten | $ 15,829.00 |
| Grades 1 – 5 | $ 18,328.00 |
| Grades 6-8 | $ 17,982.00 |

9. The Little Falls Board of Education approve 2026-2027 regular school non- resident tuition for the following students

2003259 $9,164.00
2003908 $4,500.00

10. The Little Falls Board of Education amend/approve the 2026-2027 regular school non-resident tuition contract for student 2003724 in the amount of $17,982.00.

11. The Little Falls Board of Education approve/ratify the 2025-2026 tuition contract between the Little Falls Board of Education and the Department of Children and Family Services for student 2003488 for the following:

**Little Falls Tuition - $18,766.00 Pro Rated Amount - $14,909.18**

12. The Little Falls Board of Education approve the 2026-2027 regular school non- resident tuition contract for the following students:

2003024 $17,982.00*
2003026 $17,982.00

13. The Little Falls Board of Education approve Payschools for the management of POS for the school year 2026/2027 at an annual fee of $4,533.60.

14. The Little Falls Board of Education approves the submittal of the 2026/2027 ESEA Grant Application to the Department of Education with the following amounts:

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|---|---|
| Title I | $148,316.00 |
| Title II | $ 22,482.00 |
| Title III | * $ 6,782.00 |
| Title III Immigrant | $ 5,720.00 |
| Title IV | $ 10,621.00 |

*refusal of funds

15. The Little Falls Board of Education approve FMX as the building management system for the 2026-2027 school year at an annual fee of 8,392.76.

16. The Little Falls Board of Education approves the submittal of the 2026/2027 IDEA-B Grant Application to the Department of Education with the following amounts:

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|---|---|
| Basic | $231,882.00 |
| Preschool | $ 11,420.00 |

17. The Little Falls Board of Education amend the 2026-2027 tuition contract between the Little Falls Board of Education and the Department of Children and Family Services for student 2003488 for the following:

Windsor Learning Center Tuition- $ 78,960.00

18. WHEREAS, on March 24, 2026, the Little Falls Board of Education awarded Arco Construction original bid for Schools #2 & #3 Roof Replacement in the total contract lump sum of
$1,774,000.00; and
WHEREAS, changes are necessary in order for the project to be completed;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, the Little Falls Board of Education approves the following change orders to Arco Construction in the amount of $9,330.00, for removal and disposal of existing stone coping at School #3, roof D:

| | |
|---|---|
| • Original Contract Amount | $1,774,000.00 |
| • Net Change By Previous Orders | $ 0.00 |
| • Revised Contract Amount Prior to Change Order | $1,774,000.00 |
| • Total Cost of This Change Order | $ 9,330.00 |
| • Revised Contract Amount | $1,774,000.00 |

19. WHEREAS, on March 24, 2026, the Little Falls Board of Education awarded Arco Construction original bid for Schools #2 & #3 Roof Replacement in the total contract lump sum of
$1,774,000.00; and
WHEREAS, changes are necessary in order for the project to be completed;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, the Little Falls Board of Education approves the following change orders to Arco Construction in the amount of $-3,465.00, for two (2) ladders for shingle roof at School #3 are removed from scope work;

| | |
|---|---|
| • Original Contract Amount | $1,774,000.00 |
| • Net Change By Previous Orders | $ 0.00 |
| • Revised Contract Amount Prior to Change Order | $1,774,000.00 |
| • Total Cost of This Change Order | $ -3,465.00 |
| • Revised Contract Amount | $1,774,000.00 |

20. WHEREAS, on March 24, 2026, the Little Falls Board of Education awarded Arco Construction original bid for Schools #2 & #3 Roof Replacement in the total contract lump sum of
$1,774,000.00; and
WHEREAS, changes are necessary in order for the project to be completed;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, the Little Falls Board of Education approves the following change orders to Arco Construction in the amount of $10,995.00, for replacement of 250 sq ft of deteriorated metal deck at School #2 over the gym;

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|---|---|
| • Original Contract Amount | $1,774,000.00 |
| • Net Change By Previous Orders | $ 0.00 |
| • Revised Contract Amount Prior to Change Order | $1,774,000.00 |
| • Total Cost of This Change Order | $ 10,995.00 |

- Revised Contract Amount $1,774,000.00

21. WHEREAS, on March 24, 2026, the Little Falls Board of Education awarded Arco Construction original bid for Schools #2 & #3 Roof Replacement in the total contract lump sum of
$1,774,000.00; and
WHEREAS, changes are necessary in order for the project to be completed;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, the Little Falls Board of Education approves the following change orders to Arco Construction in the amount of $12,400, for installing three (3) rows of 18 GA 2x2 angle to better support 30" long soffit panels, old framing did not exist;

- Original Contract Amount $1,774,000.00
- Net Change By Previous Orders $ 0.00
- Revised Contract Amount Prior to Change Order $1,774,000.00
- Total Cost of This Change Order $ 12,400.00
- Revised Contract Amount $1,774,000.00

22. WHEREAS, on March 24, 2026, the Little Falls Board of Education awarded Arco Construction original bid for Schools #2 & #3 Roof Replacement in the total contract lump sum of
$1,774,000.00; and
WHEREAS, changes are necessary in order for the project to be completed;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, the Little Falls Board of Education approves the following change orders to Arco Construction in the amount of $6,200.00, for Replacement of metal deck at roofs E1 and E2 at School #3 approx. 140 sq ft;

- Original Contract Amount $1,774,000.00
- Net Change By Previous Orders $ 0.00
- Revised Contract Amount Prior to Change Order $1,774,000.00
- Total Cost of This Change Order $ 6,200.00
- Revised Contract Amount $1,774,000.00

23. WHEREAS, on March 24, 2026 the Little Falls Board of Education awarded Arco Construction original bid for Schools #2 & #3 Roof Replacement in the total contract lump sum of
$1,774,000.00; and
WHEREAS, changes are necessary in order for the project to be completed;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, the Little Falls Board of Education approves the following change orders to Arco Construction in the amount of $3,020.00, for 10' wide railing, galvanized with two (2) bases;

- Original Contract Amount $1,774,000.00

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|---|---|---|
| • | Net Change By Previous Orders | $ 0.00 |
| • | Revised Contract Amount Prior to Change Order | $1,774,000.00 |
| • | Total Cost of This Change Order | $ 3,020.00 |
| • | Revised Contract Amount | $1,774,000.00 |

24. WHEREAS, on March 24, 2026, the Little Falls Board of Education awarded Accurate Construction original bid for Art Room, Toilets & Stairs the total contract lump sum of $644,900.00; and
WHEREAS, changes are necessary in order for the project to be completed;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, the Little Falls Board of Education approves the following change orders to Accurate Construction in the amount of $5,394.77, for change to the specified doors and hardware:

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|---|---|---|
| • | Original Contract Amount | $662,590.00 |
| • | Net Change By Previous Orders | $ 0.00 |
| • | Revised Contract Amount Prior to Change Order | $662,590.00 |
| • | Total Cost of This Change Order | $ 5,394.77 |
| • | Revised Contract Amount | $662,590.00 |

25. WHEREAS, on March 25, 2026, the Little Falls Board of Education awarded Accurate Construction original bid for Art Room, Toilets & Stairs the total contract lump sum of $644,900.00; and
WHEREAS, changes are necessary in order for the project to be completed;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, the Little Falls Board of Education approves the following change orders to Accurate Construction in the amount of $2,539.02, for change for additional labor and material to replace the existing valves to complete the scheduled plumbing:

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|---|---|---|
| • | Original Contract Amount | $662,590.00 |
| • | Net Change By Previous Orders | $ 0.00 |
| • | Revised Contract Amount Prior to Change Order | $662,590.00 |
| • | Total Cost of This Change Order | $ 2,539.02 |
| • | Revised Contract Amount | $662,590.00 |

26. WHEREAS, on March 24, 2026, the Little Falls Board of Education awarded Accurate Construction original bid for Art Room, Toilets & Stairs the total contract lump sum of $644,900.00; and
WHEREAS, changes are necessary in order for the project to be completed;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, the Little Falls Board of Education approves the following change orders to Accurate Construction in the amount of $19,143.63, for replacement 100 feet of 4 inch cast iron main sewer line with approx. 20 inches of 3 inch brand piping and 20 inches of 2 inch brand piping:

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|---|---|---|
| • | Original Contract Amount | $662,590.00 |
| • | Net Change By Previous Orders | $ 0.00 |
| • | Revised Contract Amount Prior to Change Order | $662,590.00 |
| • | Total Cost of This Change Order | $ 19,143.63 |
| • | Revised Contract Amount | $662,590.00 |

27. WHEREAS, on March 24, 2026, the Little Falls Board of Education awarded Accurate Construction original bid for Art Room, Toilets & Stairs the total contract lump sum of $644,900.00; and
WHEREAS, changes are necessary in order for the project to be completed;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, the Little Falls Board of Education approves the following change orders to Accurate Construction in the amount of (-$969.10), credit for removal of scheduled trenching new chase and finishes in School #2 storage room, School #1 to install plumbing as proposed by contractor

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| • | Original Contract Amount | $662,590.00 |
| • | Net Change By Previous Orders | $ 0.00 |
| • | Revised Contract Amount Prior to Change Order | $662,590.00 |
| • | Total Cost of This Change Order | $ (969.10) |
| • | Revised Contract Amount | $662,590.00 |

28. WHEREAS, on March 24, 2026, the Little Falls Board of Education awarded Accurate Construction original bid for Art Room, Toilets & Stairs the total contract lump sum of $644,900.00; and
WHEREAS, changes are necessary in order for the project to be completed;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, the Little Falls Board of Education approves the following change orders to Accurate Construction in the amount of (-$3,627.25), credit for removing Contractor's scope of work in School#2 stair B first floor, including the removal of furring, glazed brick replacement and graphics

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| • | Original Contract Amount | $662,590.00 |
| • | Net Change By Previous Orders | $ 0.00 |
| • | Revised Contract Amount Prior to Change Order | $662,590.00 |
| • | Total Cost of This Change Order | $ (3,627.25) |
| • | Revised Contract Amount | $662,590.00 |

29. WHEREAS, on March 24, 2026, the Little Falls Board of Education awarded Accurate Construction original bid for Art Room, Toilets & Stairs the total contract lump sum of $644,900.00; and
WHEREAS, changes are necessary in order for the project to be completed;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, the Little Falls Board of Education approves the following change orders to Accurate Construction in the amount of 4,658.12, additional labor and material costs to install new plaster finish prior to the scheduled wall tile

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|---|---|---|
| • | Original Contract Amount | $662,590.00 |
| • | Net Change By Previous Orders | $ 0.00 |
| • | Revised Contract Amount Prior to Change Order | $662,590.00 |
| • | Total Cost of This Change Order | $ 4,658.12 |
| • | Revised Contract Amount | $662,590.00 |

30. The Little Falls Board of Education approve/ratify the following bidding services for 2026 – 2027 School Year.

Monmouth-Ocean Educational Services Commission

31. RESOLVED, that the Little Falls Board of Education approve, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following resolution regarding the Authorized for Sale/Disposal of Vehicles:

WHEREAS, the Little Falls Board of Education reaffirmed its membership in the Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission ("HCESC") Cooperative Purchasing System for the 2026/2027 school year; and

WHEREAS, the Little Falls Board of Education has one (1) vehicle, which is no longer of service to the District and/or which have outlived its useful life;

SO IT BE RESOLVED that, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1, et. seq. And N.J.S.A. 18A:6-51, et. seq., the Little Falls Board of Education enter into an Inter-Local Vehicle Sale Agreement with the HCESC for the following vehicles:

| Unit | VIN # | Brand/Chassis, Style, Model | YEAR | # Pass | ENGINE | MILES |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **2** | **1GBJG31U961209649** | **Chevy/Collins Small Bus** | **2007** | **24** | **GM 6.0L Gas V8** | **128,188** |

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, as per this agreement, the Little Falls Board of Education will retain 100% of the top bids received, while the buyer will pay HCESC a 10% commission, which will handle all legal advertisements, bid documentation, promotion, and coordination of the sale of above-listed vehicles; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that any offers to purchase subject vehicles will be presented by the HCESC to the Little Falls School Business Administrator, who will have the right to authorize acceptance, counter, or decline each offer.

32. The Little Falls Board of Education approve Kid Clan for the following services for the 2026-2027 school year.

| EVALUATIONS | FEE |
|---|---|
| Physical Therapy Services | $105.00 per hour |

33. The Little Falls Board of Education accept the Northern Region Educational Services commission transportation services agreement for the 2026-2027 extended school year.

| Route# | School | Contractor | # Of Students | Est. Cost Per Route (Incl.Surcharge) | Start Date |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1124 | Windsor Learning | R & May Transportation | 3 | $5,805.00 + $348.30 | 7/13/2026-8/13/2026 |
| 1029 | Chapel Hill Academy | Aldin Trans | 1 | $6,660.00 + $399.60 | 7/6/2026-8/14/2026 |

34. The Little Falls Board of Education approve the appointment of Michelle Golden teacher School #2, effective September 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027 Rate of pay will be MA Step 5-6, pending all background checks.

35. The Little Falls Board of Education grant tenure to the following teachers, effective September 1, 2026.

Blake Spingarn
Lindsey Enchelmaier

36. The Little Falls Board of Education approve Ariana Avdija to prepare the Board Treasurer's Report, to be approved at the Board of Education meetings.

37. The electronic submittal of the District Mentoring Plan Statement of Assurance for the 2026-2027 school year to the County Office.

38. The Little Falls Board of Education approve Michael Rossi as the Site Manager of The Hive for the 2026-2027 school year at a rate of $41.00 per hour.

39. The Little Falls Board of Education accept the resignation of Mary Dekker long maternity leave replacement teacher School #2, effective July 9, 2026.

40. The Little Falls Board of Education accept the resignation of Ashialee Hamilton, paraprofessional, School #2, effective August 12, 2026.

41. The Little Falls Board of Education approve the appointment of Nicole Boyce as district test Coordinator for the 2026-2027 School year.

42. The Little Falls Board of Education approve the use of district paraprofessionals to provide 1:1 assistance and supervision during extra-curricular activities such as before and after school clubs, activities, concerts, and dances for the 2026-2027 school year for students as required by their IEPs. The rate of pay will be $30.00 hourly.

43. The Little Falls Board of Education approve the hourly rate of pay of $20.00 for the 2026-2027 school year for Clerical Substitutes. All Lunchroom/Playground Aides are authorized to serve in the position of Clerical Substitute.

44. The Little Falls Board of Education approve, pursuant to Article XVII of the contract between the Little Falls Board of Education and the Little Falls Education Association, the following salary guide advancement effective September 1, 2026.

Sarah Butera
From: MA Step 9
To: MA 15 Step 9

Lindsey Enchelmaier
From: MA Step 5-6
To: MA 30 Step 5-6

Danielle Heese
From: MA Step 9
To: MA 45 Step 9

Amy Musto
From: MA 15 Step 7
To: MA 30 Step 7

45. The Little Falls Board of Education approve the following for the Before and After Care-The Hive, staff members. All staff members can serve as substitutes for the Before and Aftercare program. (Exhibit E)

46. The Little Falls Board of Education approves the appointment of Melissa Sanzari-Stevens as the Purchasing Agent for the Little Falls Township School District;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Purchasing Agent is authorized to award contracts up to his bid threshold of $53,000.00 and establish the quote threshold at $7,950.00. (These are the amounts for a Qualified Purchasing Agent.)

47. The Little Falls Board of Education approve the following personnel as a substitute Lunchroom/ Playground Aide for the 2026-2027 school year at hourly salary of $18.00 to be paid out of Food Service account number 60-910-310-100-10-00.

Lois Juliano
Joyce Cancel
Jaclyn Cali

48. The Little Falls Board of Education employ Lunchroom/ Playground Aides for the 2026-2027 school year at hourly salaries as indicated to be paid out of Food Service account number 60-910-310-100-10-00.

| Staff Member | School | Hrs. Per Day | Rate of pay |
|---|---|---|---|
| Tracey O'Neill | School #1 | Per 26/27 contract | $18.00 per hour |
| Enisa Yilmaz | School #2 | Per 26/27 contract | $18.00 per hour |
| Megan Manzo-Calvitti | School #2 | Per 26/27 contract | $18.00 per hour |
| Veronica Wisse | School #3 | Per 26/27 contract | $18.00 per hour |
| Joanna Panepinto | School #3 | Per 26/27 contract | $18.00 per hour |

49. The Little Falls Board of Education amend the reappointment of the following full time Bus Driver/Clerical Assistant for the 2026-2027 school year. (Exhibit F)

50. The Little Falls Board of Education amend the re-appointment of Building and Grounds Manager effective, July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027. (Exhibit G)

51. The Little Falls Board of Education approve Nina Gannon long term maternity leave replacement teacher School #2, effective September 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027 or the return of the teacher. Rate of pay will be BA Step 1.

52. The Little Falls Board of Education approve Natalie Garofolo long term maternity leave replacement teacher School #3, effective October 13, 2026 through March 8, 2027 or the return of the teacher. Rate of pay will be BA Step 1.

53. The Little Falls Board of Education approve the appointment of Rose Anna Dragonetti teacher School #3, effective September 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027 Rate of pay will be BA 15 Step 1, pending all background checks.

54. The Little Falls Board of Education approve the approval of the following maternity leave of absence for the 2026-2027 school year:
26/27 SY

| Name | Position/ Location | Leave Start Date | Accumulated Sick days Applied | FMLA Start date | NJFLA Date | EXTENDED LEAVE Unpaid leave/no benefits | Date of Return (Anticipated) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4977 | Sch. 1 | 12/14/2026 | 18 sick days | | 1/18/2027 Through 4/30/2027 | | 5/03/2027 |

55. The Little Falls Board of Education approve the payment of a $2,000.00 annual stipend for the 2026-2027 school year to the following employees for serving as Substitute Bus Driver on an as needed basis. Drivers will also receive a $200.00 daily rate for days that are worked.

Robert Scelzo

56. The Little Falls Board of Education approves/ratifies the one-time payment of $750.00 to Argjent Jonuzi for the completion of The Black Seal License, per the custodian contract.

Mrs. Marinelli congratulated Rose Anna Dragonetti on her appointment!

## B. EDUCATION AND STRATEGIC PLAN COMMITTEE

1. The Little Falls School District Board of Education approve the re-adoption of all District Curriculum.

2. The Little Falls Board of Education approve The Hornet Pride Guide for the 2026-2027 school year.

3. The Little Falls Board of Education approve The Parent Handbook for the 2026-2027 school year.

4. The Little Falls Board of Education approve the electronic submittal of the District Professional Development Plan statement of Assurance for the 2026-2027 school year to the County Office.

5. The Little Falls Board of Education approve the following marking period end dates for kindergarten through fourth grade.

**Marking Period 1,** Marking Period Ends - Friday, December 4, 2026
Report cards Distributed Friday, December 11, 2026

**Marking Period 2,** Marking Period Ends - Friday, March 12, 2027
Report cards Distributed Friday, March 19, 2027

**Marking Period 3,** Marking Period Ends - Friday, June 11, 2027
Report cards Distributed Last Day of School- Thursday June 17, 2027

6. The Little Falls Board of Education approve the following marking period end dates for grades five through eight.

**Marking Period 1,** Marking Period Ends - Wednesday, November 4, 2026

**Marking Period 2,** Marking Period Ends - Friday, January 22, 2027

**Marking Period 3,** Marking Period Ends - Friday, April 9, 2027

**Marking Period 4,** Marking Period Ends - Friday, June 11, 2027

7. RECOMMENDED ACTION by the Superintendent approve the district goals and goals for School #1, School #2, School #3, and the district.

(Exhibit H)

8. The Little Falls Board of Education approve weekly community field trips to local area merchants as part of the class and Life Skills curriculum for district LLD classes for the 2026-2027 academic year. Field trips will be scheduled to further develop and reinforce life skills; introduce and prepare for early prevocational goals. Field trips will be centered around the Tri-Boro area of Woodland Park, Totowa Borough and Little Falls. Trip destinations will include: the Post Office, Grocers, Laundromat, Beauty/Barber Salons and Restaurants. Some locations may include but not limited to:

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|---|---|
| ShopRite of Little Falls | Little Falls Library |
| Dunkin' Donuts | Little Falls Recycling Center |
| Applebee's | Petco |
| Walgreens | Carvel of Woodland Park |
| Little Falls Police Department | TD Bank |
| Little Falls Post Office | Little Falls Quick Check |
| Little Falls Kitchen | Hair Say Haircutters |

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|---|---|
| Wilmore Road Memorial Park | Palace Laundromat of Woodland Park |
| Little Falls Fire Department | Fairfield Farms & Greenhouses Fairfield |
| Hair Say Haircutters | Passaic County Courthouse, Paterson |
| Morris Canal Walkway | Provident Bank |
| Wilmore Road Memorial Park | Fairfield Farms & Greenhouses Fairfield |

* Additional places of interest maybe added with Superintendent approval.
* Transportation, when needed, to be provided by district buses.
* No anticipated per pupil cost for trips. Parents provide spending money as needed for service trips to salons etc.

9. The Little Falls Board of Education approve that in an effort to promote student involvement and awareness of Community Events, Facilities, History and Service, move that Schoold # 1, #2 and #3 students be approved to participate in Field Trips within the Township of Little Falls that would assist in developing and reinforcing these values. Dates and times will be determined throughout the year by various school and community organizers.
Sites and events would include:
Little Falls Public Library
Little Falls Town Hall (Holiday Chorus Performance)
Little Falls Civic Center
Memorial Park (aka Tank Park) Veterans' Day Remembrance
Little Falls American Legion Hall
Morris Canal (*8th Grade Community Service Project, Science Projects, Historical Lessons)
Little Falls Historical Society
Little Falls Recreation Center (Field Day, Evacuation Drill Site)
Little Falls School #2
Little Falls School #3
Passaic Valley High School
The Outdoor Classroom
Additional places and events may be added with Superintendent approval.
Any transportation necessary for these events will be provided by district buses.
In the event district busing is insufficient, then prior BOE approval will be requested.

10. The Little Falls Board of Education approve the following staff /members to the Threat Assessment Team for the 2026-2027 school year.

| **School #2** | **School #3** | **School #1** |
|---|---|---|
| Kathy Rich | Frank Conti | Lisa Perrota |
| Martha Kochanowski | Emily Conti | Dana Sprague |
| Elba Castrovinci | Dawn Gilchrist | Lindsey Enchelmaier |
| Jill Castaldo | Audrey O'Jeda | James Simmons |
| Charlie Smith | Nicole Boyce | Jim Schoeneich |
| Dawn Gilchrist | Elba Castrovinci | Dawn Gilchrist |
| | Charlie Smith | Charles Smith |
| | | Jessica Prawetz |

11. The Little Falls Board of Education approve the following staff /members to the Climate Committee for the 2026-2027 school year.

| **School #2** | **School #3** | **School #1** |
|---|---|---|
| Frank Conti | Joseph Schmidt | Dana Sprague |
| Brianne Stewart | Emily Conti | Frank Conti |
| Megan Castaneda | Heather Burell | Patti Lijoi |
| Jill Castaldo | Nicole Boyce | Lauren Noack |
| Martha Kochanowski | Frank Conti | Jim Schoeneich |
| | | Jessica Prawetz |
| | | Lindsey Enchelmaier |

12. The Little Falls Board of Education approve the following staff /members to the Wellness Committee for the 2026-2027 school year.

| **School #2** | **School #3** | **School #1** |
|---|---|---|
| Julie Abboud | Emily Conti | Dana Sprague |
| Desiree DiBuono | Audrey O'Jeda | Lisa Perotta |
| Jon Buset | Nicole Boyce | Lauren Campbell |
| Jill Castaldo | Sue Galione | Sue Galione |
| Alexis Ariemma | Heather Burell | Nicole Smith |
| Sue Galione | Gina Maffuccci | Gina Maffucci |
| Gina Maffucci | Shannon Zurbruegg | Kristen Decaito |

13. The Little Falls Board of Education approve the following staff members to the I&RS Committee for the 2026-2027 school year.

| **School #2** | **School #3** | **School #1** |
|---|---|---|
| Felicia Hartman | Nicole Boyce | Dana Sprague |
| Kelly Pikkard | Shirley Cutruzzula | Lindsey Enchelmaier |
| Lori Douma | Marissa McCluskey | Jessica Prawetz |
| Jill Castaldo | Heather Schaechinger | Lisa Perotta |

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|---|---|---|
| Tonianne Picarello | Emily Conti | Christine Fiorendino |
| Martha Kochanowski | | Lauren Noack |
| Leamarie Pronesti | | Jim Schoenieich |
| | | Melissa Natale |

14. The Little Falls Board of Education approve the following staff members to the ScIP Committee for the 2026-2027 school year.

| **School #2** | **School #3** | **School #1** |
|---|---|---|
| Briana Nesh | Kelly Ostrowski | Lynn Donovan |
| Kerianne Brown | Natasha Ferrer | Kristy Gregory |
| Dana Sagun | Mary Healy | Melissa Natale |
| Shana Opdenberg | Emily Conti | Lindsey Enchelmaier |
| Jill Castaldo | Celeste Bonilla | Ed Cronin |
| Jennifer Underwood | Nicole Boyce | Jessica Prawetz |
| | | Lauren Campbell |
| | | Dana Sprague |

15. The Little Falls Board of Education approve the following staff members to the DEAC Committee for the 2026-2027 school year.

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|---|---|---|
| Kerianne Brown | Tiffany Sellitto | Dana Sprague |
| Jill Castaldo | Celeste Bonilla | Kristy Gregory |
| | Nicole Boyce | Lynn Donovan |

16. The Little Falls Board of Education approve the following start and end times for the following school:

SCHOOL #1
Entry Bell: 8:10AM
Start Time: 8:15 AM
End Time: 2:47 PM

SINGLE SESSION/EARLY DISMISSAL
Start Time: 8:15 AM
End Time: 12:37 PM

DELAYED OPENING
Start Time: 9:45 AM
End Time: 2:47 PM

School #2
Entry Bell: 8:50 AM
Start Time: 9:10 AM
End Time: 3:30 PM

SINGLE SESSION/EARLY DISMISSAL
Start Time: 9:10 AM
End Time: 1:30 PM
Pre-K AM Start/End Time: 9:10 -11:40AM
Pre-K PM Start/End Time: 1:00PM-3:30PM

DELAYED OPENING
Start Time: 10:40 AM
End Time: 3:30PM

****Delayed Opening No AM Pre-K Class**
****Early Dismissal Due to Inclement Weather or Unexpected Issue- NO PM Pre-K Class**

SCHOOL #3
Entry Bell: 8:30AM
Start Time: 8:50 AM
End Time: 3:10 PM

SINGLE SESSION/EARLY DISMISSAL
Start Time: 8:50 AM
End Time: 1:10 PM

DELAYED OPENING
Start Time: 10:20 AM
End Time: 3:10 PM

17. Little Falls Board of Education approve/ratify the following new substitute applicants all substitutes have filed Federal Form I-9, and are in possession of acceptable clearance pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:6-7.1/18A:39-10.1/18A:6-4.14, pending all background checks.

    Nancy Cataneo- Substitute Secretary
    Angela Butler- Substitute Secretary
    Natalie Garofolo

18. The Little Falls Board of Education approve the QSAC 2025-2026 District Performance Monitoring Report (DPR) scores provided by the State Department of Education.

19. The Little Falls Board of Education approve the agreement between the Little Falls Board of education and Seton Hall University to provide field and instructional opportunities to enrolled Seton Hall University students, August 18, 2026 through August 30, 2029.

20. The Little Falls Board of Education approve the following Seton Hall University students for sixty hours of student clinical experience to be performed for the 2026-2027 School year.

    Milan Rama

C. **MAINTENANCE, BUILDING & GROUNDS AND REFERENDUM COMMITTEE**

1. The Little Falls Board of Education approve the use of district facilities by the following community groups who have filed the proper application form and have submitted proof of necessary insurance coverage: (Exhibit I)

D. **HEALTH, SAFETY AND POLICY COMMITTEE**

1. The Little Falls Board of Education hold a second reading of the following policy alert 237:

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|---|---|
| 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) |
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| P 0162 | Notice of Board Meetings (Revised) |
| P 0162.01 | Legal Notices (M) (New) |
| P 1643 | Family Leave (M) (Revised) |
| P 2260 | Equity in School and Classroom Practices (M) (Revised) |
| R 2460.30 | Additional/Compensatory Special Education and Related Services (M) (Abolished) |
| P & R 5111.13 | Eligibility of Resident/Nonresident Students – Choice School District (M) (New) |
| 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) (Revised) |
| P 6115.02 | Federal Awards/Funds Internal Controls – Mandatory Disclosures (M) (Revised) |
| P 6311 | Contracts for Goods or Services Funded by Federal Grants (M) (Revised) |
| P 8561 | Procurement Procedures for School Nutrition Programs (M) (Revised) |

(Exhibit J)

2. The little Falls Board of Education Move to suspend Bylaw 0131that requires two readings and adopt the following policies and regulation with one reading: (Exhibit K)

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| P | 2363 | Student Use of Privately-Owned Technology (Abolish) |
| P and R | 5516 | Student Use of Internet-Enabled Devised (Revised) |

3. The Little Falls Board of Education approve the following transportation waivers in accordance with N.J.S.A18A:391c and District Policy number 8613.

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|---|---|---|
| Student ID # 2003623 | Student ID # 2003053 | Student ID # 2003471 |
| Student ID # 2003476 | Student ID # 2003052 | Student ID # 2003049 |
| Student ID # 2002797 | Student ID# 2002928 | Student ID# 2002928 |
| Student ID # 2003246 | | |

XV. PTA LIAISONS- None

XVI. LITTLE FALLS EDUCATION FOUNDATION LIAISON - None

XVII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS/ NEW BUSINESS- None

XVIII. OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC
M: Mrs. Zurbruegg S: Mrs. Smith

XIX. EXECUTIVE SESSION- None

M: S:

XX. ADJOURNMENT
M: Mrs. Zurbruegg S: Mrs. Smith 6:23 PM

AYES: 4
NAYES: 0
ABSENT:3

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa Sanzari-Stevens
Melissa Sanzari- Stevens
Business Administrator/Board Secretary