

**LITTLE FALLS SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION
LITTLE FALLS, NEW JERSEY
EMERGENCY BOARD MEETING MINUTES: Tuesday, July 17, 2025 Minutes**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Capizzi called the meeting to order at 12:31PM

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

Board Members Present: Dr. Capizzi, Mrs. Barone, Mrs. DiBuono, Mrs. Lijoi, and Mr. Tullo,

Board Members Present VIA Zoom – Mr. Miraglia, Mrs. Smith, and Mrs. Zurbruegg

Also Present: Mrs. Tracey Marinelli, Superintendent, Mrs. Melissa Sanzari- Stevens, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, and Mr. Steven Fogarty, Board Attorney

V. OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC – **(Limited to Agenda Items Only)**

On motion of Mr. Tullo and seconded by Mrs. Zurbruegg, the meeting was opened for public comment. Since no one wished to be heard, on motion of Mrs. Lijoi, and seconded by Mr. Tullo, moved that, the Little Falls Board of Education close the meeting to the public.

AYES: 8

NAYES: 0

ABSENT: 0

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mr. Fogarty, Board Attorney, explained the resolutions they are voting on to the Board.

VI. **ACTIONED ITEMS**

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:

1. APPROVAL OF EMERGENCY BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Township of Little Falls ("Board") determined there exists a need to conduct an emergency meeting to consider rescission of a prior resolution authorizing a special election on September 16, 2025, seeking voter approval to issue bonds for capital improvements to improve existing facilities which must be taken and notice given to the Passaic County Board of Elections on or before July 18, 2025 ("Proposal"); and

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WHEREAS, based on the foregoing, this emergency meeting is required to address matters of such urgency and importance involving the cancellation of the Board's prior resolution authorizing a special election on September 16, 2025; and

WHEREAS, a delay for the purpose of providing adequate notice would result in substantial harm to the Board and the taxpayers of the Township of Little Falls because the statutory notice must be given to the Passaic County Board of Election by July 18, 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board by an affirmative vote of three-quarters (3/4) of the members present that an emergency meeting shall be convened to take action to conduct an emergency meeting to determine whether to rescind a prior resolution authorizing a special election on September 16, 2025, seeking voter approval to issue bonds for capital improvements to improve existing facilities which must be taken and notice given to the Passaic County Board of Elections on or before July 18, 2025.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this meeting is limited to a discussion of whether the Board should authorize a rescission of the Board's prior resolution authorizing the Proposal.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary shall provide notice of this meeting as soon as possible following the calling of this meeting by posting written notice of the same in the public places reserved for such or similar announcements, and also by notifying the two (2) newspapers which have been designated by the Board to receive such notices, one (1) of which shall be the official newspaper, by telephone, telegram, or by delivering a written notice of same to such newspapers and by filing with the clerk of the municipality a written notice of same, as required by *N.J.S.A. 10:4-9*.

M: Mrs. Barone

S: Mrs. DiBuono

RC-AYE JB-AYE DD-AYE PL-AYE VM-AYE NS-AYE MT-AYE SZ-AYE
AYES: 8
NAYES: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

2. RESCIND SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION

WHEREAS, on July 9, 2025, the Board of Education of the Township of Little Falls ("Board") authorized the submission of bond proposal question to the school district voters at a special school district election to be held on September 16, 2025 to undertake various improvements, alterations, renovations, and upgrades, and to construct an addition at Public School No. 1, Public School No. 2 and Public School No. 3, including acquisition and installation of fixtures, furniture and equipment, and any site work in an amount not to exceed \$44,898,195 ("Proposal"); and

WHEREAS, the Business Administrator was authorized and directed to deliver a certified copy of the July 9, 2025 Resolution to the County Clerk as required by *N.J.S.A. 19:60-2*, to request the County Clerk to submit the Proposal to the voters at the Election and to seek the assistance of the county officials and municipal clerk in conducting the Election; and

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to rescind the July 9, 2025 Resolution to provide the Board with additional time to consider all options to achieve the most advantageous financing for the Proposal.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board has determined that it is in the best interests of the Little Falls Township School District to rescind the July 9, 2025 Resolution to provide the Board with additional time to consider all options to achieve the most advantageous financing for the Proposal.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Business Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to deliver a certified copy of this Resolution to the County Clerk notifying the County Clerk that the Proposal previously submitted to the County Clerk requesting a special school election to be held on September 16, 2025 is hereby rescinded and of no force or effect.

M: Mrs. Barone

S: Mrs. DiBuono

RC-AYE JB-AYE DD-AYE PL-AYE VM-NO NS-AYE MT-AYES
SZ-ABSTAIN

AYES: 6

NAYES: 1

ABSTAIN: 1 Mrs. Zurbruegg

VII. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mrs. Smith, and seconded by Mr. Tullo, the meeting was adjourned at 1:15P.M.

AYES: 8

NAYES: 0

ABSENT:0

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa Sanzari-Stevens

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Business Administrator/Board Secretary

M: Mrs. Smith

S: Mr. Tullo