LITTLE FALLS SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

LITTLE FALLS, NEW JERSEY
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA: Tuesday October 13, 2026

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			
Ms. Desiree DiBuono			
Ms. Patricia Lijoi			
Ms. Nicole Smith			
Mr. Michael Tullo			
Ms. Shannon Zurbruegg			
Dr. Rachel Capizzi			

V. CORRESPONDENCE

VI. MINUTES

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

1. Regular Meeting – September 15, 2026

M: S:

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

VIII. PRESENTATION-

1. SEPTEMBER HORNET OF THE MONTH
   SCHOOL #1
   - 5TH Grade- James Kidangan
   - 6th Grade- Chloe Castillo
   - 7th Grade- Uygar Deniz
   - 8th Grade- Junren Feng

SCHOOL #2
- Kindergarten- Johnny Fernando
- 1st Grade- Michael Thalab
- 2nd Grade- Alina Yang

SCHOOL #3
- 4TH Grade- Nolan Dwyer
- 3rd Grade- Ellie Song

OCTOBER HORNET OF THE MONTH
SCHOOL #1
- 5TH Grade- Abigail Rosas
- 6th Grade- Justin Franciose
- 7th Grade- Jagger Martinez
- 8th Grade- Dominic DeCaito

SCHOOL #2
- Kindergarten- Nicholas Gonzalo
- 1st Grade- Hunter D'Aquila
- 2nd Grade- Chloe Cruz

SCHOOL #3
- 4TH Grade- Yousef Mohd
- 3rd Grade- Sarah Nazhi

IX. PRESIDENT'S REPORT- Dr. Capizzi

X. SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS (Mrs. Tracey Marinelli)
1. Superintendent's Report. **(Exhibit A)**

M: S:

	Yes	No	Abstain/Absent
Ms. Janine Barone			
Ms. Desiree DiBuono			
Ms. Patricia Lijoi			
Ms. Nicole Smith			
Mr. Michael Tullo			
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XI. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/BOARD SECRETARY REPORT-(Melissa Sanzari-Stevens)

XII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

XIII. SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA

XIV. CONSENT AGENDA

M: S:

	Yes	No	Abstain/Absent
Ms. Janine Barone			
Ms. Desiree DiBuono			
Ms. Patricia Lijoi			
Ms. Nicole Smith			
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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 October 13, 2026, Warrant No.'s #_32676_thru #32790(VOIDED # 32536,#32728, #32731, & #32732 (Current Account) totaling $1,132,786.90; Wire Transfer #1092026 (Health Insurance)totaling $ 410,114.27_ Warrant No. #1386 (Cafeteria Account) totaling $46,935.77; Warrant #1119 THRU #1121 (Before & After Care Account) totaling $2,526.39; Wire Transfers #09172026, #10052026, & #10072026 (Postage) totaling $400.00be 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 September 30, 2026 Transfer Report. (Exhibit B-1)

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

4. 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 ($88,807.00), Credit for unused project allowance.

Credit for unused project allowance:	($88,807.00)
Total:	($88,807.00)

• Original Contract Amount	$1,774,000.00
• Net Change By Previous Orders	$ 0.00
Contract Amount Prior to Change Order	$1,774,000.00
• Contract Sum increase/decrease in the amount of	$ 88,807.00
• Revised Contract Amount	$1,685,193.00

5. WHEREAS, on April 21, 2026 the Little Falls Board of Education awarded Northeastern Interior Services, original bid for School #1 BOE Office Renovations in the total contract lump sum of $1,017,000.00; 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 Northeastern Interior services in the amount of

$111,560.00,additionallabor and material costs to install the scheduled partitions appropriately to existing structure as outlined in field bulletin;

SUBTOTAL	$11,560.00
Less Owners Discretionary Allowance	($71815.00)
Allowance Available For Use	($60,255.00)

• Original Contract Amount	$1,017,000.00
• Net Change By Previous Orders	$ 0.00
• Revised Contract Amount Prior to Change Order	$1,017,000.00
• Total Cost of This Change Order	$ 0.00
• Revised Contract Amount	$1,017,000.00

6. 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 $9,678.24 for labor and material cost to install additional gypsum wall board prior to the scheduled wall tiles:

   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 $1,985.45 includes the additional labor and material costs required to reroute the conduit away from the handrail, ensuring proper handrail clearance and code compliance;

   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 $1,784.47 includes the material cost of two (2) new drop in sinks:

SUBTOTAL	$13,448.16
Less Owners Discretionary Allowance	($55,496.42)
Allowance Available For Use	($42,048.26)

• 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	$ 0.00

- Revised Contract Amount $662,590.00

7. The Little Falls Board of Education authorize the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary to submit the attached bills list dated through October 13, 2026, to the trustee M&T Bank, for the purpose of the Passaic County improvement Authority Project (PCIA). (Exhibit D)

8. The Little Falls Board of Education to approve the Budget Development Schedule and Calendar for the FY 2027- 2028, as attached. (Exhibit E)

9. The Little Falls Board of Education approve the contract with YMCA Camp Bernie, 327 Turkey Top Road, Port Murray, NJ, for the purpose of providing an Eighth-Grade field trip on May 20, 2027, in the amount of $6,570.00.

10. The Little Falls Board of Education amend the following Extra Curricular Activities Stipends for the 2026-2027 School Year.

School #1

Employee	Extra-curricular Activity	Amount
David Farrell **Janet Arslanbeck**	6th Grade Advisors (2)	$ 906.18

11. The Little Falls Board of Education approve Melissa Stevens to prepare the Board Treasurer's Report, to be approved at the Board of Education meetings.

12. The Little Falls Board of Education amend the re-appointment of Assistant to the Business Administrator, prorated effective October 16, 2026. (Exhibit F)

13. The Little Falls Board of Education amend the re-appointment of Purchasing and Accounts Payable Coordinator, prorated effective October 16, 2026. (Exhibit G)

14. The Little Falls Bord of Education approve the addendum to the Business Administrator/Board Secretary/Director of Grants employment agreement prorated effective October 16, 2026. (Exhibit H)

15. The Little Falls Board of Education approve payment to the following individual for Handle With Care Training held on August 31, 2026, at the contractual rate of $55.00

Employees	Date	Amount
Kim Delia	8/31/2026	$55.00

16. WHEREAS, the Little Falls Board of Education (hereinafter referred to as the "Board") and Tracey Marinelli, entered into an Employment Agreement for the term commencing December 1, 2022 and expiring June 30, 2027 (hereinafter referred to as the "Present Employment Agreement");

WHEREAS, the Board and the Superintendent/Director of Curriculum and Instruction desire to rescind the Present Employment Agreement prior to its conclusion and enter into a new Employment Agreement for a term commencing November 1, 2026 and expiring June 30, 2030 (hereinafter referred to as the "Succeeding Employment Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, this Employment Agreement has been submitted to and approved by the Executive County Superintendent according to standards adopted by the Commissioner of Education pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7-8(j).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby rescinds the Present Employment Agreement of Tracey Marinelli;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board hereby appoints Tracey Marinelli as the Superintendent of Schools/Director of Curriculum and Instruction for the Little Falls School District for the period beginning on November 1, 2026 and expiring on June 30, 2030, in accordance with the terms of the Succeeding Employment Agreement annexed hereto and incorporated herein by reference;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board approves the attached Succeeding Employment Agreement with Tracey Marinelli for the position of Superintendent of Schools/Director of Curriculum and Instruction for the foregoing period of appointment; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board hereby authorizes the Board President and School Business Administrator to execute the Succeeding Employment Agreement on behalf of the Board. (Exhibit I)

17. The Little Falls Board of Education approve/ratify payment to the following individuals for attending the kindergarten play date on August 26, 2026, for one hour, at the contractual chaperone rate of $42.50 per hour.

Employee	Number of Hours	Amount
Martha Kochanowski	1 hour	$42.50
Julie Abboud	1 hour	$42.50
Cathy Truono	1 hour	$42.50
Kathy Rich	1 hour	$42.50
Christina Lostio	1 hour	$42.20
Jennifer Underwood	1 hour	$42.50

Renee Hunt	1 hour	$42.40
Amy Musto	1 hour	$42.50
Nina Gannon	1 hour	$42.50
Sara Caruolo	1 hour	$42.50

18. The Little Falls Board of Education approve/ratify the following employees for coverage of Hornet Reflection at the contractual rate of $35.00 per hour, prorated. To be paid out of Title IV, account number 20-280-100-101-10-00, for the 26-27 School year.

    Lindsey Enchelmaier

B. EDUCATION AND STRATEGIC PLAN COMMITTEE

1. The Little Falls Board of Education approve the following new substitute applicants supplied to us by the Northern Regional Educational Services Commission Substitute Teacher Registry. 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: (Exhibit J)

2. That the Little Falls Board of Education approve the following field trips: (Exhibit K)

3. That the Little Falls Board of Education approve the following Gifted and Talented field trips: (Exhibit L)

4. The Little Falls Board of Education approve the following St. Thomas Aquinas College student for thirty hours of student observation to be performed for the 2026-2027 School year.

   Sofia Corage

5. The Little Falls Board of Education approve the following University of Phoenix student for student teaching to be performed for the 2026-2027 School year.

   Allison Fuquene

6. The Little Falls Board of Education approve the following School #3 dental presentations for grades three and four, at no cost to the district.

Dr. Henick, Orthodontist	February 11, 2027
Dr. Sultan, Dentistry for Children	February 18, 2027

7. The Little Falls Board of Education approve a presentation from, Darren D. Mays, beekeeper, on April 5, 2027 at School #3.

8. The Little Falls Board of Education approve the following Felician University student for student teaching observations for the 2026-2027 School year.

Gabriella Maisto

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:

School #1 *approve/ratify

Date	Event	Location and Time	Requested By:	Cost
*9/21, 10/19, 11/16, 1/11, 2/8, 3/15, 4/19, 5/17, 6/7/2027	S#1 PTA Meeting	Cafeteria 6:30-8:00pm	School #1 PTA	$0.00
11/24/26	PTA Pie Delivery and Pick-up	Cafeteria 2:30-3:30pm 5:00-6:30pm	School #1 PTA	0.00

School #3 *approve/ratify

Date	Event	Location and Time	Requested By:	Cost
12/1/26 Through 4/1/26	LF Rec. Basketball	GYM 6:30-9:00pm	Little Falls Recreation	$0.00

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

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

Student ID # 2003114 Student ID # 2003790
Student ID # 2003179 Student ID # 2003273
Student ID # 2003038 Student ID # 2003135

XV. PTA LIAISONS

XVI. LITTLE FALLS EDUCATION FOUNDATION LIAISON

XVII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS/ NEW BUSINESS

XVIII. OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

M: S:

XIX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

M: S:

XX. ADJOURNMENT

M: S: