

LITTLE FALLS SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION
LITTLE FALLS, NEW JERSEY
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: Tuesday, October 14, 2025 Minutes

Mrs. Barone called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm

- 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
Board Members present: Mrs. Barone, Mrs. DiBuono, Mrs. Lijoi, Mr. Tullo, and Mrs. Zurbruegg

Board Members Absent: Dr. Capizzi, Mr. Miraglia, and Mrs. Smith,

Also, Present. Mrs. Tracey Marinelli, Superintendent and
Mrs. Melissa Sanzari- Stevens, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

- V. CORRESPONDENCE
Mrs. Barone read a Thank You from the Marinelli Family.

- VI. MINUTES

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

- 1. Regular Meeting – September 16, 2025

M: Mrs. DiBuono S: Mr. Tullo

- VII. OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC – **(Limited to Agenda Items Only)**
On motion of Mrs. Zurbruegg and seconded by Mrs. DiBueno, the meeting was opened for public comment. Since no one wished to be heard, on motion of Mr. Zurbruegg, and seconded by Mr. Tullo, moved that, the Little Falls Board of Education close the meeting to the public.

AYES: 5
NAYES: 0
ABSENT: 3
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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VIII. PRESENTATION

Mrs. Marinelli presented the Hornets of the Month with a certificate.

1. September Hornet of The Month School #3

- Liliana Cerchio- Third Grade
- Nicholas Dale- Fourth Grade

October Hornet of The Month School #3

- Charlotte Benevento- Forth Grade
- Gia Sosa- Third Grade

September Hornet of The Month School #2

- Jolene Granat- Kindergarten
- Camila Clavo- First Grade
- Alyssa Cerebrio- Second Grade

October Student of The Month School #2

- Ryan Piccoli-Kindergarten
- McCartney Avino- First Grade
- Dylan Izuierdo Lopez- Second Grade

September Hornet of The Month School #1

- Sara Mogollon Quintero- 5th Grade
- George Mugleston- 6th Grade
- Christian Morales-7th Grade
- Sean McGonigal- 8th Grade

October Student of The Month School #1

- Elsa Abduramani-5th Grade
- Ribal Aljanadi- 6th Grade
- Ariana Ajdini- 7th Grade
- Mia Navarro-8th Grade

IX. PRESIDENT’S REPORT- Mrs. Barone

Mrs. Marinelli advised the public that Mrs. Barone will be the acting President and will be attending NJ School Boards Convention. Mrs. Barone stated that the board is currently very harmonious. This positive dynamic is credited to Mrs. Marinelli, her team, and the current Board members.

X. SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS (Mrs. Tracey Marinelli)

1. Superintendent’s Report. (Exhibit A)

Mrs. Marinelli advised the Board of the following:

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- Enrollment School #1 - 408, School #2- 353, and School #3- 201
- All safety and security drill have been performed in all three schools. This also includes bus evacuation drills.
- Zero suspensions and two HIBs
- Mrs. Marinelli advised the HIB grades are on the agenda for approval this evening and explained the grades to the Board. This is also posted on our website for review.
- The district presented before the State Finance committee to request funding. The presentation was successful, receiving a unanimous yes, which was the final step needed for funding.
- A new state assessment will be conducted in the fall for the state's purpose, the district will not receive data from it.
- A portion of the 8th grade students was randomly selected to participate in the confidential national NATE assessment
- The district is preparing for a state monitoring visit, expected in February 2026.
- The Portrait of a Hornet Capstone Projects are launching for 8th, 4th, and 2nd grade students.
- Seven 8th grade students have applied to be part of a focus group to help refine the project, working with selected Capstone Project Advisors.

XI. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/BOARD SECRETARY REPORT-
(Melissa Sanzari-Stevens)

Mrs. Stevens advised the Board of the following:

- The Budget calendar is on the agenda for approval this evening. The calendar is outlining the timelines for the budget process. Mrs. Stevens reviewed the calendar with the Board.
- The annual audit is nearly complete and is expected to be another clean audit with no findings. The auditor will present the final audit at the December meeting.

XII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Board will review a revised policy on lice.

XIII. SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA

1. The Little Falls Board of Education approve the contract between Solutions Architect, 96 Pompton Ave, Verona, NJ 07044 and the Little Falls Board of Educations for the District Wide Facilities Improvement Projects. (Exhibit M)
2. The Little Falls Board of Education approve Julia Marchesani, secretary School #3, effective on or about November 20, 2025 through June 30, 2026, Step 1, prorated, per the 2025-2030 LFEA Collective Negotiations Agreement, pending all background checks.

M: Mrs. DiBuono S: Mrs. Zurbruegg

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XIV. CONSENT AGENDA

M: Mrs. DiBuono S: Mr. Tullo
JB DD PL VM NS MT SZ RC

XV. PTA LIAISONS

Mrs. Zurbruegg stated the Tricky Tray event for Schools 2/3 is scheduled for November 13, 2025. The PTA is seeking donations.

XVI. LITTLE FALLS EDUCATION LIAISON

Mrs. DiBuono advised that Oktoberfest event was a success. The next event will be Casino Night in February 2026, which will include a super 50/50 raffle.

XVII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS/ NEW BUSINESS-None

XVIII. OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

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AYES: 5
NAYES: 0
ABSENT: 3
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

XIX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Mr. Tullo and seconded by Mr. Zurbruegg move that the Little Falls Board of Education go into Executive Session to discuss two (2) HIB issues. Approximate time ten (10) minutes. No action will be taken.

AYES: 5 7:17pm
NAYES:0
ABSENT: 4

On motion of Mr. Tullo and seconded by Mrs. DiBuono move that the Little Falls Board of Education return from Executive Session.

AYES: 5 7:26pm
NAYES:0
ABSENT: 3

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XX. ADJOURNMENT

The Little Falls Board of Education meeting was adjourned at 7:26pm.

M: Mrs. DiBuono S: Mrs. Zurbruegg

7:26pm
AYES: 5
NAYES: 0
ABSENT:3

Respectfully Submitted,

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

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 14, 2025, Warrant No.'s # 31739 thru #31866 Current Account) totaling \$1,643,863.14; Wire Transfer #10092025 (Health Insurance)totaling \$ 304,947.72 Warrant No. #1355 thru # 1357 (Cafeteria Account) totaling \$61,223.62 Wire transfers #9192025, #92202025, #10022025, and #100320250Postage) totaling \$950.00; 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)

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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 attached September 30, 2025 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, 2025.

(Exhibit C)

4. The Little Falls Board of Education authorize the School Business Administrator to advertise and accept bids for school transportation services for the 2026-2027 school year.

5. The Little Falls Board of Education to approve the Budget Development Schedule and Calendar for the FY 2025- 2026, as attached.

(Exhibit D)

6. The Little Falls Board of Education amend the Agreement with LinkIt to provide data warehousing, analytics and assessment solutions for the 2025-2026 School Year at a cost **not to exceed \$39,461.00.**

7. The Little Falls Board of Education accept the Northern Region Educational Services commission transportation services agreement for the 2025-2026.

Route#	School	Contractor	# Of Students	Est. Cost Per Route (Incl.Surcharge)	Start Date
3519	Chapel Hill Academy	R & May Transportation	1	\$34,560.00 + \$2,073.60	9/4/2025-6/19/26
3597	Windsor Learning Center-PL	R & May Transportation	3	\$50,490.00 + \$3,029.40	9/4/2025-6/25/26
3514	Academy 360-Lower School	R & May Transportation	1	\$15,975.00 + \$958.55	9/3/2025-6/25/26
3728	Flex School	B & M Transport	1	\$50,220.00 + \$3,013.20	9/2/2025-6/24/26

8. **WHEREAS**, The Board of Education of the Township of Little Falls in the County of Passaic, New Jersey (the "Board" or "School District") has determined to undertake a capital improvement project, that consists of (i) the addition of a multi-purpose room and two (2) general classrooms, and several structural upgrades, replacements and tech renovations to School No. 1, including but not limited to sitework for parking lot, sidewalk and drainage upgrades, roofing replacements, toilet room upgrades, cafeteria and multipurpose room wall graphics, fire alarm, mechanical, electric, lighting and plumbing upgrades; (ii) the addition of eight (8) Pre-K classrooms and an art room, and several structural upgrades, replacement and renovations to School No. 2, including but not limited to sitework for parking lot, sidewalk and drainage upgrades, roofing replacements,

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masonry repointing at parapet walls, cafeteria and multipurpose room wall graphics, renovations to stair towers/treads and walls, mechanical, electric, lighting and plumbing upgrades; and (iii) the addition of three (3) classrooms, an auxiliary cafeteria and performing arts room and ELA classroom, and several structural upgrades, replacements and renovations to School No. 3, including but not limited to sitework for parking lot, sidewalk and drainage upgrades, roofing replacements, cafeteria and multipurpose room wall graphics, renovate egress stair to create corridor to addition, mechanical, electric, lighting and plumbing upgrades (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the estimated total cost the Project is \$44,898,195, and, pursuant to final eligible cost letters provided by the New Jersey Department of Education, the Board is eligible to receive debt service aid from the State of New Jersey for approximately 19.32% of the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to borrow funds from the Passaic County Improvement Authority (the "Authority") in an amount not to exceed \$44,898,000 of bonds issued designated "County Guaranteed Lease Revenue Bonds (Little Falls Board of Education Project), Series 2025" to fund the Project costs and the costs of issuance with respect to the proposed financing; and

WHEREAS, subsequent to the adoption of certain legislative changes to the Educational Facilities Construction Financing Act, constituting Chapter 183 of the Laws of 1960 of the State of New Jersey, as amended and supplemented (*N.J.S.A. 18A:7G-1 et seq.*) ("EFCA"), the Board requested assistance from the Authority to finance the costs of the Project; and

WHEREAS, specifically, the Board now seeks assistance from the Authority for purposes of issuing indebtedness of the Authority in lieu of the Board undertaking a separate referendum for the issuance of its own bonds; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the foregoing, the adoption of the legislative changes to the EFCA provide a unique mechanism that would not have otherwise been available, which does not require a referendum; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 40:37A-55*, the Authority is authorized to extend credit or make loans to any governmental unit or person, including the County of Passaic (the "County") and the School District, for the planning, design, acquisition, construction, equipping and furnishing of a "public facility", upon the terms and conditions that the loans be secured by loan and security agreements, mortgages, leases and other instruments, the payments on which shall be sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on any bonds issued for the purpose by the authority, and upon such other terms and conditions as the authority shall deem reasonable; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 40:37A-45(p)*, the Project to be acquired, owned or constructed by the Authority constitutes a "public facility" within the meaning of the

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County Improvement Authorities Law, constituting Chapter 183 of the Pamphlet Laws of 1960 of the State of New Jersey, and the acts amendatory thereof and supplemental thereto (*N.J.S.A. 40:37A-44 et seq.*) ("Act") and, as such, the Authority is authorized to provide financial assistance to the County and the School District for the purpose of financing the costs of the same; and

WHEREAS, the Authority is also authorized by law, including the Act, and the EFCA, to plan, design, acquire, construct, equip and furnish public facilities, including the School District, on behalf of certain governmental units, including the County and the School District, and to lease, sell or otherwise convey said Project to such governmental units; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Act and the EFCA, the Authority has determined to provide financing to the School District for purposes of paying or financing: (i) the costs of the development, construction and equipping of the Project; and (ii) the costs of issuance with respect to the proposed financing, all as further set forth in the information submitted to the Authority in connection therewith or as previously discussed among the parties; and

WHEREAS, in furtherance thereof, the Authority has determined to issue and sell up to \$44,898,000 aggregate principal amount of its County Guaranteed Lease Revenue Bonds (Little Falls Board of Education Project) Series 2025 ("2025 Bonds") to finance the costs of the Project; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the EFCA, in order to develop, construct and finance the Project, the School District will lease the land or facilities, through either a lease or ground lease, upon which the Project will be situated to the Authority, who will then develop, construct and equip the Project on behalf of the School District; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the EFCA: (i) the Authority shall lease the Project to the County pursuant to a lease between the Authority, as lessor, and the County, as lessee ("Authority/County Lease"); and (ii) simultaneously therewith, the County shall sublease the Project to the School District for so long as the 2025 Bonds (or any refunding bonds issued to refinance the 2025 Bonds) are outstanding in accordance with a sublease between the County, as sublessor, and the School District, as sublessee ("County/BOE Sublease" and, together with the Authority/County Lease, the "Lease Agreements"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the EFCA (*N.J.S.A. 18A:7G-5b(d)* in particular), sublease payments made to the County by the School District under the County/BOE Sublease, and lease payments made to the Authority by the County under the Authority/County Lease, shall not be subject to any cap on appropriations or on spending, or to any tax levy cap; and

WHEREAS, in addition, pursuant to the EFCA: (i) the sublease payments made by the School District to the County under the County/BOE Sublease are required to be made in an amount sufficient to pay all debt service due on the 2025 Bonds issued to finance the

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costs of the Project (or any refunding bonds issued to refinance the 2025 Bonds); and (ii) the School District's sublease payments under the County/BOE Sublease are fully binding upon the School District, are not subject to annual appropriation, and are required to be included in the School District's annual adopted budget for so long as the 2025 Bonds (and any refunding bonds issued to refinance the 2025 Bonds) remain outstanding; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the EFCA (*N.J.S.A. 18A:7G-5b(e)* in particular), when the 2025 Bonds (or any refunding bonds issued to refinance the 2025 Bonds) are no longer outstanding, the Project shall be solely vested in the School District; and

WHEREAS, while the 2025 Bonds (or any refunding bonds issued to refinance the 2025 Bonds) remain outstanding, the School District shall be solely responsible for the operation, maintenance, and improvement of the Project upon the completion of the construction thereof by the Authority (which terms shall be memorialized in both the Authority/County Lease and the County/BOE Sublease in accordance with the EFCA); and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the importance of the Project, and to induce the prospective purchasers of the 2025 Bonds to purchase the same and provide additional security to the holders thereof, pursuant to Section 37 of the Act, *N.J.S.A. 40:37A-80*, the Board of Commissioners of the County adopted a guaranty ordinance on October 14, 2025 in support of the Project and to unconditionally and irrevocably guaranty the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on the 2025 Bonds, when due, by the adoption of a guaranty ordinance ("County Guaranty"); and

WHEREAS, the Authority has applied to and has received the approval of the Local Finance Board of the State Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services ("Local Finance Board"), pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 40A:5A-6* and *N.J.S.A. 40:37A-80*, for positive findings for the undertaking and completion of the Project, the issuance of the 2025 Bonds to finance the costs thereof and for approval for the provision of the County Guaranty by the County, and has received the requisite positive findings and approval from the Local Finance Board on October 8, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Board now seeks to take certain steps to authorize the Lease (as defined below), the County/BOE Sublease, and other required transactional documents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS IN THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC, NEW JERSEY (by the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the full membership of the Board), as follows:

Section 1. The Board hereby authorizes the borrowing to finance the Project and approves the Authority to issue and sell up to \$44,898,000 aggregate principal amount of 2025 Bonds

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to be designated substantially, the "County Guaranteed Lease Revenue Bonds (Little Falls Board of Education Project), Series 2025" on behalf of the Board.

Section 2. Following the Authority leasing the Project to the County, the Board authorizes entering into the County/BOE Sublease with respect to the Project so long as the 2025 Bonds (and any refunding bonds issued to refinance the 2025 Bonds) are outstanding.

Section 3. The Board authorizes the entering into a lease and/or ground lease of land or facilities upon which the Project will be situated to the Authority (the "Lease"), who will then develop, construct and equip the Project on behalf of the School District, and when the 2025 Bonds are no longer outstanding, the Project shall be solely vested in the School District.

Section 4. To the best of its knowledge, the Board hereby confirms that the annual County/BOE Sublease payments and any operating expenses related to the Lease and County/BOE Sublease will be included in the School District's budget.

Section 5. If applicable, the Board hereby covenants that it will comply with any conditions subsequently imposed by the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), in order to preserve the exemption from taxation of interest on the 2025 Bonds, including, if necessary, the requirement to rebate all net investment earnings on the gross proceeds above the yield on the Lease Purchase.

Section 6. The Board reasonably expects to reimburse its expenditure of Project costs paid prior to the issuance of the 2025 Bonds with proceeds of the 2025 Bonds. This resolution is intended to be and hereby is a declaration of the Board's official intent to reimburse the expenditure of ESP Costs paid prior to the issuance of the 2025 Bonds with the proceeds of the 2025 Bonds, in accordance with Treasury Regulations §150-2. The maximum principal amount of the 2025 Bonds expected to be issued to finance the Project is \$44,898,000. The Project costs to be reimbursed with the proceeds of the 2025 Bonds will be "capital expenditures" in accordance with the meaning of Section 150 of the Code. No reimbursement allocation will employ an "abusive arbitrage device" under Treasury Regulations §1.148-10 to avoid the arbitrage restrictions or to avoid the restrictions under Sections 142 through 147, inclusive, of the Code. The proceeds of the 2025 Bonds used to reimburse the Board for Project costs, or funds corresponding to such amounts, will not be used in a manner that results in the creation of "replacement proceeds", including "sinking funds", "pledged funds" or funds subject to a "negative pledge" (as such terms are defined in Treasury Regulations §1.148-1), of the 2025 Bonds or another issue of debt obligations of the Board, other than amounts deposited into a "bona fide debt service fund" (as defined in Treasury Regulations §1.148-1). All reimbursement allocations will occur not later than 18 months after the later of (i) the date the expenditure from a source other than the 2025 Bonds is paid, or (ii) the date the Project is

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"placed in service" (within the meaning of Treasury Regulations §1.150-2) or abandoned, but in no event more than 3 years after the expenditure is paid.

Section 7. The Board hereby authorizes the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Board President, and/or the Superintendent to execute any and all documents, including but not limited to, County/BOE Sublease, lease and/or ground lease(s), as applicable, and closing documents, and take any and all necessary actions to effectuate the financing of this transaction.

Section 8. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

9. The Little Falls Board of Education amend/approve the 2025-2026 regular school non-resident tuition contract for student 2003724 in the amount of **\$18,766.00**.
10. The Little Falls Board of Education approve/ratify Ashialee Hamilton, ABA paraprofessional, effective October 6, 2025 through June 30, 2026, Step 1, pending all background checks.
12. The Little Falls Board of Education rescind the appointment of Elaina Farinhas Lunchroom/ Playground Aide for the 2025- 2026 school year.
13. The Little Falls Board of Education approve/ratify the appointment of Lunchroom/ Playground Aides for the 2025- 2026 school year at hourly salaries as indicated to be paid out of Food Service account number 60-910-310-100-10-00, subject to all background checks, on or about October 15, 2025- June 30, 2026.

Staff Member	School	Hrs. Per Day	Rate of pay
Chuttan Malique	School #2	Per 25/26 contract	\$18.00 per hour

14. The Little Falls Board of Education approve Mirna Polibio, ABA paraprofessional, effective on or about October 20, 2025 through June 30, 2026, Step 1, pending all background checks.
15. The Little Falls Board of Education approve/ratify the appointment of Dr. Anthony Pastena as School Physician for the 2025/2026 school year at an annual rate of \$7,000.00.
16. The Little Falls Board of Education approve 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 25-26 School year.

Jamie Wandel

17. The Little Falls Board of Education approve the following volunteers for the School #1 plays pending all background checks, at no charge to the district.

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Jennifer Shue	Jeff Bromley
John Mazzarella	Adam Stuber
Mike DeLuccia	Kashane Morrison
Meghan Loveland	Samuel Mugleston

18. The Little Falls Board of Education approve travel/conference expenses as noted for the following district employees/board members: (Exhibit E)
19. The Little Falls Board of Education approve/ratify University Spine Center, 504 Valley Road Suite 203 Wayne, NJ, to provide scoliosis screening for fifth grade students at School #1, on October 10th, at no charge to the district.
20. The Little Falls Board of Education approve the following staff placements effective October 6, 2025.

Jackie Toledo- School #3
21. The Little Falls Board of Education accept the resignation of Frank Kasper, maternity leave replacement teacher School #3, effective December 3, 2025, or until a replacement teacher is found.
22. The Little Falls Board of Education accept, the notice of intent to retire of Matthew Rohlf, Teacher School #3, effective January 1, 2026. Last day of work will be December 31, 2025.

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 F)
2. The Little Falls Board of Education approve the field trips as attached. (Exhibit G)
3. The Little Falls Board of Education approve the Gifted and Talented field trips as attached. (Exhibit H)
4. The Little Falls Board of Education approve the following Caldwell University students for forty hours of student observations to be performed for the 2025-2026 School year:

Tina Cipot

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5. The Little Falls Board of Education approve/ratify William Ebel, Boy Scouts, to host an assembly for the aftercare programs at School #2 and #3 on September 26, 2025.
6. The Little Falls Board of Education approve the School Self Assessments for Determining Grades under the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act for Schools #1, #2, and #3 be approved for the 2024-2025-School Year and that the Secretary to the Board of Education be authorized to submit the following School Self- Assessment to the State of New Jersey Department of Education.
7. 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

Gracyn Houmis

8. The Little Falls Board of Education approve the following staff /members to the QSAC Committee for the 2025-2026 school year.

Tracey Marinelli	Charlie Smith	Dave Farrell	Dawn Daura
Melissa Sanzari Stevens	Luci Cruz	Kerrianne Brown	Janine Barone
Dana Sprague	Rachel Capizzi	Celeste Bonilla	LynnDonovan
Jill Castaldo	Elba Castrovinci	Kristy Gregory	Tiffany Selitto

9. The Little Falls Board of Education approve the QSAC 2025-2026 District Performance Monitoring Report (DPR) for submission to the State Department of Education.
10. The Little Falls Board of Education approve the following New Jersey City University students for twenty hours of student observations to be performed for the 2025-2026 School year:

Devon Garrabrant

11. The Little Falls Board of Education approve the attached list of Child Study Team Evaluations in the following areas depending on district needs for the 2025-2026 School Year.

NEUROLOGICAL

\$850.00

BATUL S. LADAK, M.D., F.A.A.P.

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Saddle Brook, NJ 07663
Telephone: (201) 843-8200
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12. The Little Falls Board of Education approve/ratify a Learning/Language Disabled-Severe program at school #3 for the 2025-2026 school year.

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13. 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 28, 2026, in the amount of \$7,484.00.

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
10-23-25	Halloween Movie Night	Parking Lot 6:30pm-10:00pm	Class Advisors	\$0.00
5-7-26	Art Show	Cafeteria/APR 4:30pm-7:30pm	Class Advisor	\$0.00
*9-24-25	8 th Grade Parent Meeting	Cafeteria 6:30pm-7:30pm	Class Advisors	0.00
12-1 thru 5, 12-9 1-5 thru 9, 1-13 thru 16 1-20 thru 23, 1-27 2-3 thru 6, 2-10 thru 12 2-17 thru 20 3-2 thru 6, 3-9 thru 12	Basketball	GYM 7:30-pm9:00pm	Little Falls Recreation	0.00
12/8 12/10 thru 12 12-15, 18, 19, & 22 1-12 and 1/26 2-2-26	Basketball	GYM 5:30-pm9:00pm	Little Falls Recreation	0.00

School #2*approve/ratify

Date	Event	Location and Time	Requested By:	Cost
11-25-25 12-8 thru 12-11-25 12-15 thru 12-18-25 1-5 thru 1-9-26 1-12 thru 1-16-26 1-20 thru 1-23-26	Competition Cheering	APR 6:30pm-8:00Pm	LF Competition Cheering	\$0.00

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Date	Event	Location and Time	Requested By:	Cost
12-1 thru 5,12-8 thru 12 12-15 thru 19, 12-22 1-5 thru 9, 1-12 thru 16 1-20 thru 23 1-26,27, &30, 2-2 thru 6 2-10thru 12,2-17 thru 20 2-23 thru 27, 3-2 thru 6 3-9 thru 12	Basketball	GYM 6:30pm-9:00pm	Little Falls Recreation	\$0.00

2. The Little Falls Board of Education approve the attached Standard Operating Procedures Manuel (SOP) for the Little Falls Public School District.

3. WHEREAS, the Little Falls Board of Education and its Chief School Administrator have reviewed the district's Health and Safety Evaluation of School Buildings checklist for 2025-2026 and have determined that all items of the Health and Safety Evaluation of School Buildings checklist have been satisfactorily completed in accordance with applicable requirements;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Little Falls Board of Education hereby affirms the accuracy of the School District's Statement of Assurance and Health and Safety Evaluation of School Buildings checklist. (Exhibit I)

4. RESOLVED, to approve the disposal of the attached equipment found to be obsolete. (Exhibit J)

D. HEALTH, SAFETY AND POLICY COMMITTEE

1. 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 # 2003049

2. The Little Falls Board of Education hold a second reading of the following policy alert 235:

P 0173 Duties of Public-School Accountant (Revised)
P 0174 Legal Services (M)(Revised)
P 0177 Professional Services (M)(Revised)
P&R 1570 Internal Controls (M)(Revised)
P 1620 Administrative Employment Contracts (M)(Revised)
P&R 6111 Special Education Medicaid Initiative (Semi Program (M)(Revised)
P 6220 Budget Preparation (M)(Revised)

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- R 6220 Budget Preparation (Revised)
- P 0143 Board Member Election and Appointment (Revised)
- P 01636.15 Recordkeeping for Healthcare Settings In School Buildings Covid-19(M)(Abolished)
- P 2422 Statutory Curricular Requirements (M)(Revised)
- P 5339.01 Student Sun Protection (M)(New)

(Exhibit K)

3. The Little Falls Board of Education accept the Bus Evacuation Drills Report, as circulated for the first part of the 2025/2026 School.

(Exhibit L)

4. WHEREAS, the Little Falls Board of Education has received an offer for medical/prescription coverage for the period January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026 from New Jersey Direct Pensions and Benefits (NJDPB) Costs are as follows:

NJ DIRECT 10-PPO PLAN

\$10 COPAY AETNA/HORIZON

Single	\$2,174.28
Employee/Spouse	\$4,348.57
Parent/Child	\$4,044.17
Family	\$6,218.45
Adult Child Rate	TBD

NJ DIRECT 15-PPO PLAN

\$15 COPAY AETNA/HORIZON

Single	\$2,089.04
Employee/Spouse	\$4,178.07
Parent/Child	\$3885.61
Family	\$5,974.65
Adult Child Rate	TBD

NJ EDUCATORS HEALTH PLAN –
PPO \$10 PRIMARY/\$15 SPECIALIST
COPAY AETNA/HORIZON

Single	\$1,497.82
Employee/Spouse	\$2,995.64
Parent/Child	\$2,785.94
Family	\$4,283.76
Adult Child Rate	TBD

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AETNA

Single	\$1,333.28
Employee/Spouse	\$2,666.55
Parent/Child	\$3,813.17
Family	\$2,902.67
Adult Child Rate	TBD

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Little Falls Board of Education does hereby approve New Jersey Direct Pension and Benefits (NJDPB) to provide medical/prescription benefits for all covered employees effective January 1, 2026.

5. The Little Falls Board of Education approve the School Safety and Security Plan and submission of the School Safety and Security Plan Statement of Assurance for the 2025-2026.
6. The Little Falls Board of Education approve the acceptance of the 2025 Safety Grant Program through the New Jersey Schools Insurance Group's Eric West Sub-Fund for the purposes described in the application, in the amount of \$3,800.00 for the period July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.