

WARREN COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION
1500 ROUTE 57 ~ WASHINGTON, NJ 07882
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
February 18, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

President Austin called the meeting to order at 4:45 p.m. on Wednesday, February 18, 2026, via Zoom.

Flag Salute – Dr. Lori Austin

Opening Statement – President Austin

Pursuant to the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq, the Board Secretary caused notice of this meeting to be given to the public on November 7, 2025.

Roll Call – Board Secretary Williams

X Dr. Austin
X Dr. Lamonte
Absent Mrs. Leahy
X Mr. McDonough (4:49 pm)
X Dr. Mleczech

Adopt the Meeting Agenda

Resolution 16268-26: Adopt the Meeting Agenda

On the motion of Dr. Lamonte, seconded by Dr. Mleczech, RESOLVED, that this Board adopts the Meeting Agenda for the January 26, 2026, meeting as published with any addenda.

VOICE VOTE: Yeas: 3 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 2

Motion Carried: Yes

Resolution E767-26: Personnel, Negotiations, and Legal Matters

On the motion of Dr. Mleczech, seconded by Dr. Lamonte, the Board moved into executive session at 4:47 p.m. by adopting the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Warren County Technical School as follows:

- A. The public is excluded from attendance at a portion of this meeting for the reason that the following subject matter is discussed:
 - Facility
 - Budget
- B. The Board may exclude the public from the meeting pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12, B3 & B8 of the Open Public Meetings Act.
- C. The matters discussed will be revealed to the public when the Board determines that such would not invade any right to privacy.
- D. Action may be taken.

VOICE VOTE: Yeas: 3 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 2

Motion Carried: Yes

Resolution E768-26: Resume Regular Session

On the motion of Mr. McDonough, seconded by Dr. Mleczech, the Board reconvened into regular session at 5:30 p.m.

VOICE VOTE: Yeas: 4 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 1

Motion Carried: Yes

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Discussion

- **PUBLIC COMMENTS** - Related to Agenda Items Only
- **COMMUNICATIONS**
- **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**
- **HIB REPORT/SUSPENSIONS**
 - Zero (0) HIBs since the previous Board Meeting
 - One (1) Out-of-School Suspension since the previous Board Meeting
 - Zero (0) In-School Suspensions since the previous Board Meeting
- **BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT**
- **STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE**
- **DISCUSS EDUCATIONAL TOPICS**
 - Students of the Marking Period
 - Muhammad Nawaz
 - Desmond Boyd
- **NEW BUSINESS**

MINUTES

Resolution 16269-26: Approve Board Meeting Minutes Listed Below

On the motion of Mr. McDonough, seconded by Dr. Mleczy, RESOLVED, that this Board approves the following resolutions as listed below:

Resolution 16270-26: Approve January 26, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes

Resolution 16271-26: Approve January 26, 2026, Regular Meeting Executive Session Minutes

VOICE VOTE: Yeas: 4 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 1

Motion Carried: Yes

Resolution 16270-26: Approve January 26, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes

On the motion of _____, seconded by _____, RESOLVED, that this Board approves the Regular Meeting Minutes of January 26, 2026.

Resolution 16271-26: Approve January 26, 2026, Regular Meeting Executive Session Minutes

On the motion of _____, seconded by _____, RESOLVED, that this Board approves the Regular Meeting Executive Session Minutes of January 26, 2026.

FINANCE & FACILITIES

Resolution 16272-26: Approve Finance & Facilities Resolutions as Listed Below

On the motion of Mr. McDonough, seconded by Dr. Mleczy, RESOLVED, that this Board approves the following finance and facilities resolutions as listed below:

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<u>Resolution 16273-26:</u>	Receive, Accept, and Approve January 2026 Financial Reports
<u>Resolution 16274-26:</u>	Board of Education's Monthly Certification of Major Account/Fund Status
<u>Resolution 16275-26:</u>	Approve Payment of Bills for January 2026
<u>Resolution 16276-26:</u>	Approve Transfers for January 2026
<u>Resolution 16277-26:</u>	Request Waiver of Requirements for Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Program
<u>Resolution 16278-26:</u>	Accept Donation of a 2008 Crown Victoria to the Law & Public Safety Program
<u>Resolution 16279-26:</u>	Disposal of 24 Chairs

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Motion Carried: Yes

Austin X Lamonte Abstain 16277 Leahy Absent McDonough X Mlecz X

Resolution 16273-26: **Receive, Accept, and Approve January 2026 Financial Reports**
On the motion of _____, seconded by _____, RESOLVED, that the January 2026 financial reports of the Secretary and Treasurer be received, accepted, and approved.

Exhibit: F1

Resolution 16274-26: **Board of Education's Monthly Certification of Major Account/Fund Status**
On the motion of _____, seconded by _____, RESOLVED, that the following Board of Education's Monthly Certification of Budgetary Major Account/Fund Status be approved: (1) Board of Education's Monthly Certification and (2) Budgetary Major Account/Fund Status Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c) 3&4, we certify that January 2026, after review of the secretary's monthly financial report (appropriations section) and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials that to the best of our knowledge, no major account or fund has been over-expend. The District Board of Education has implemented adequate controls to prevent the over-expenditure of any funds or yearly deficit in major accounts in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c) 3&4.

Resolution 16275-26: **Approve Payment of Bills for February 2026**
On the motion of _____, seconded by _____, RESOLVED, that this Board approves the payment of bills as shown on the attached Bills List for February, 2026, in the amount of \$864,277.84.
Exhibit: F2

Resolution 16276-26: **Approve Transfers for January 2026**
On the motion of _____, seconded by _____, RESOLVED, that this Board approves transfers for January 2026.

Exhibit: F3

Resolution 16277-26: **Request Waiver of Requirements for Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Program**
On the motion of _____, seconded by _____, RESOLVED, adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, NJAC 6A:23A-5.3 provides that a school district may request a waiver of compliance with respect to the district's participation in the Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Program for the 2026-2027 school year, and

WHEREAS, the Warren County Technical School Board of Education desires to apply for this waiver due to the fact that the district projects having fewer than 13 Medicaid-eligible classified students.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Warren County Technical School Board of Education hereby

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authorizes the Superintendent to submit to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools in the County of Warren an appropriate waiver of the requirements of NJAC 6A:23A-5.3 for the 2026-2027 school year.

Resolution 16278-26: **Accept Donation of a 2008 Crown Victoria to the Law & Public Safety Program**
On the motion of _____, seconded by _____, RESOLVED, that this Board accepts a donation of a 2008 Ford Crown Victoria for the Law & Public Safety Program from Joe Parkin Jr.

Resolution 16279-26: **Disposal of 24 Chairs**
On the motion of _____, seconded by _____, RESOLVED, that this Board approves the disposal of 24 chairs.

PERSONNEL

Resolution 16280-26: **Approve Personnel Resolutions as Listed Below**
On the motion of Mr. McDonough, seconded by Dr. Mleczyk, RESOLVED, that this Board approves personnel resolutions as listed below, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent:

Resolution 16281-26: **Approve Extra Curricular Positions as Listed**
Resolution 16282-26: **Approve Bergen Community College Student, Steffi Castro, to Observe Lenore Arnold**
Resolution 16283-26: **Approve Employee #1192 For Unpaid Leave Days**
Resolution 16284-26: **Approve Tracy Rowe as Part-Time Confidential Secretary to the BA**

ROLL CALL VOTE: *Motion Carried: Yes*

Austin X Lamonte X Leahy Absent McDonough X Mleczyk X

Resolution 16281-26: **Approve Extra Curricular Positions as Listed**
On the motion of _____, seconded by _____, RESOLVED that this Board approves the following extra curricular positions for the 2025-2026 school year:

Extra Curricular Position	Employee
Junior Class Advisor (Prorated as per Steff Liskowaski's LOA)	Kristen Sarte
Sophomore Class Advisor (Prorated as per Brooke Baylor's LOA)	Kristen Sarte

Resolution 16282-26: **Approve Bergen Community College Student, Steffi Castro, to Observe Lenore Arnold**
On the motion of _____, seconded by _____, RESOLVED that this Board approves Steffi Castro to observe Lenore Arnold for her Educational course at Bergen Community College.

Resolution 16283-26: **Approve Employee #1192 For Unpaid Leave Days**
On the motion of _____, seconded by _____, RESOLVED that this Board approves Employee #1192 for unpaid leave of absences on 2/6/2026 and 2/9/2026.

Resolution 16284-26: **Approve Tracy Rowe as Part-Time Confidential Secretary to the BA**
On the motion of _____, seconded by _____, RESOLVED, that this Board approves Tracy Rowe as a Part-Time Confidential Secretary to the BA at an hourly rate of \$30 effective March 1, 2026

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TRAVEL

Resolution 16285-26: Approve the Travel Resolutions as Listed Below

On the motion of Mr. McDonough, seconded by Dr. Mlecz, RESOLVED, that this Board approves the travel requests as listed below:

Resolution 16286-26: Approve the Following Professional Development Days as Listed Below

Resolution 16287-26: Approve the Following Field Trips as Listed Below

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Motion Carried: Yes

Austin X Lamonte Abstain Leahy Absent McDonough X Mlecz X

Resolution 16286-26: Approve the Following Professional Development Days as Listed Below

On the motion of _____, seconded by _____, RESOLVED, that this Board approves the professional development days as listed below:

DATE	STAFF MEMBER	TRIP DETAILS	COST
01 28 2026 02 03 2026 02 20 2026	T. Shafer	Child Study Team Training with Kathy Nace, Through Centenary University Course, Clinical Application of Learning Disabilities	\$0
02 03 2026	K. Sarte	State Testing Training, Park Ridge, NJ	\$79.15

Resolution 16287-26: Approve Field Trips as Listed Below

On the motion of _____, seconded by _____, RESOLVED, that this Board approves the field trips as listed below:

DATE	INSTRUCTOR	TRIP DETAILS	COST
2 4 2026	E. Bowers, T. Shafer, A. Lazorchak	Women in Sports Seminar, Sussex County Community College	\$599.06
04 24 2026	P. Seugling	WFMZ Studio, Allentown, PA	\$385.11
03-26 to 03-28-2026	P. Seugling, M. Vulcano	DECON, Key Club Conference, Asbury Park, NJ	\$1,252.32
03 26 2026	K. Wene, R. Gara, R. Danner	Skills USA Competition, Mercedes-Benz Training Center, Robbinsville	\$0
03 07 2026	K. Wene, R. Gara, R. Danner	Skills USA Competition, Universal Technical Institute, Bloomfield, NJ	\$1,646.95
03 07 2026	K. Wene, L. Shanahan, P. Lilly	Skills USA Competition, Essex County Payne Tech.	\$1,655.80
03 21 2026	K. Wene, B. Wheatley	Skills USA Competition, Somerset County Vo Tech.	\$1,068.82

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03 28 2026	K. Wene, R. Gara, C. Feilbach	Skills USA Competition, Iron Workers Local 399, Hammonton, NJ	\$1,655.80
03 28 2026	K. Wene, A. Lazorchak, P. Lilly	Skills USA Competition, Camden County Technical School, Sicklerville, NJ	\$1,655.80
03 28 2026	K. Wene, B. Wheatley, T. Lynch	Skills USA Competition, Gloucester County Fire Academy, Gloucester County Vo Tech., Clarksboro, NJ & Sewell, NJ	\$1,826.96
04 18 2026	K. Wene, B. Wheatley, T. Lynch	Skills USA Competition, Morris Knolls High School, Rockaway, NJ	\$827.90
03 07 2026	K. Wene, R. Gara, R. Danner	Skills USA Competition, Carpenters Training Center, Edison, NJ	\$1,490.22
05 07 2026	B. Wheatley	Warren County Fire Academy	\$0

POLICY

Resolution 16288-26: Approve Policy Revisions as Listed Below

On the motion of Mr. McDonough, seconded by Dr. Mlecz, RESOLVED, that this Board approves policy revisions as listed below:

Resolution 16289-26: Approve the First Reading of the Policy Revisions as Listed Below
Resolution 16290-26: Approve the Second Reading of the Policy Revisions as Listed Below

ROLL CALL VOTE: ***Motion Carried: Yes***

Austin X Lamonte X Leahy Absent McDonough X Mlecz X

Resolution 16289-26: Approve the First Reading of the Policy Revisions as Listed Below

On the motion of _____, seconded by _____, RESOLVED, that this Board approves the first reading of the policy revisions as listed below:

P5115	RETURN TO SENDING SCHOOL DISTRICT BY VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT - New
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Exhibit: A

Resolution 16290-26: Approve the Second Reading of the Policy Revisions as Listed Below

On the motion of _____, seconded by _____, RESOLVED, that this Board approves the second reading of the policy revisions as listed below:

P5610	SUSPENSION
P0142.1	NEPOTISM (M)
P1220	EMPLOYMENT OF CHIEF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR (M)

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P&R 1552	SEXUAL HARASSMENT - STAFF
P&R2535	LIBRARY MATERIAL (M)
P&R9130	PUBLIC COMPLAINTS
P&R2530	RESOURCE MATERIALS

Exhibit: B

ADDENDUM ITEMS

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Any topic not discussed earlier.

Policy #0167- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN BOARD MEETINGS

Section: Bylaws

Date Created: March 2000

Date Edited: October 2012

The Board of Education recognizes the value of public comment on educational issues and the importance of allowing members of the public to express themselves on school matters of community interest.

In order to permit the fair and orderly expression of such comment, the Board shall set aside a portion of every Board meeting, the length of the portion to be determined by the Board, for public comment on any school or school district issue that a member of the public feels may be of concern to the residents of the school district.

Public participation shall be governed by the following rules:

1. A participant must be recognized by the presiding officer and must preface comments by an announcement of his/her name, place of residence, and group affiliation, if appropriate;
2. Each statement made by a participant shall be limited to three (3) minutes in duration;
3. No participant may speak more than once on the same topic until all others who wish to speak on that topic has been heard;
4. All statements shall be directed to the presiding officer; no participant may address or question the Board members individually;
5. The presiding officer may:
 - a. Interrupt, warn, or terminate a participant's statement when the statement is too lengthy, abusive, obscene, or irrelevant;
 - b. Request any individual to leave the meeting when that person does not observe reasonable decorum;
 - c. Request the assistance of law enforcement officers in the removal of a disorderly person when that person's conduct interferes with the orderly progress of the meeting;
 - d. Call for a recess or an adjournment to another time when the lack of public decorum so interferes with the orderly conduct of the meeting as to warrant such action; and
 - e. Waive these rules when necessary for the protection of privacy or the efficient administration of the Board's business.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourn the Meeting

On the motion of Mr. McDonough, seconded by Dr. Mleczyk, the Board adjourned the meeting at 5:39 p.m.

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VOICE VOTE: Yeas: 4 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 1

Motion Carried: Yes

Upcoming Dates of Interest:

March 18, 2026	BOE Meeting
March 20, 2026	Early Dismissal
March 21, 2026	PTA Tricky Tray