WARREN COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION
1500 ROUTE 57 ~ WASHINGTON, NJ 07882
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
August 19, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

President Mlecz will call the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 19, 2026, via Zoom.

Flag Salute – Dr. Mlecz

Opening Statement – President Mlecz

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

__ Dr. Lamonte
__ Mr. McDonough
__ Mr. Mengucci
__ Dr. Mlecz

Adopt the Meeting Agenda

Resolution 16387-26: Adopt the Meeting Agenda
On the motion of _____, seconded by _____, RESOLVED, that this Board adopts the Meeting Agenda for the August 19, 2026, meeting as published with any addenda.

VOICE VOTE: Yeas:__ Nays:___ Abstain:___ Absent:___ ***Motion Carried:*** Yes / No

Resolution E773-26: Personnel, Negotiations, and Legal Matters
On the motion of _____, seconded by _____, the Board moved into executive session at _____ 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:
   - Personnel
   - Facilities

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:__ Nays:___ Abstain:___ Absent:___ ***Motion Carried:*** Yes / No

Resolution E774-26: Resume Regular Session
On the motion of _____, seconded by _____, the Board reconvened into regular session at _____ p.m.

VOICE VOTE: Yeas:__ Nays:___ Abstain:___ Absent:___ ***Motion Carried:*** Yes / No

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Discussion

- **PUBLIC COMMENTS** - Related to Agenda Items Only
- **COMMUNICATIONS**
- **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**
- **HIB REPORT/SUSPENSIONS**
- **BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT**
- **STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE**
- **DISCUSS EDUCATIONAL TOPICS**
- **NEW BUSINESS**

MINUTES

Resolution 16388-26: Approve Board Meeting Minutes Listed Below
On the motion of _____, seconded by _____, RESOLVED, that this Board approves the following resolutions as listed below:

Resolution 16389-26: Approve June 17, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes
Resolution 16390-26: Approve June 17, 2026, Regular Meeting Executive Session Minutes

VOICE VOTE: Yeas:__ Nays:___ Abstain:___ Absent:___ ***Motion Carried:*** Yes / No

Resolution 16389-26: Approve June 17, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes
On the motion of _____, seconded by _____, RESOLVED, that this Board approves the Regular Meeting Minutes of June 17, 2026.

Resolution 16390-26: Approve June 17, 2026, Regular Meeting Executive Session Minutes
On the motion of _____, seconded by _____, RESOLVED, that this Board approves the Regular Meeting Executive Session Minutes of June 17, 2026.

FINANCE & FACILITIES

Resolution 16391-26: Approve Finance & Facilities Resolutions as Listed Below
On the motion of _____, seconded by _____, RESOLVED, that this Board approves the following finance and facilities resolutions as listed below:

Resolution 16392-26: Receive, Accept, and Approve June 2026 Financial Reports
Resolution 16393-26: Receive, Accept, and Approve July 2026 Financial Reports
Resolution 16394-26: Board of Education's Monthly Certification of Major Account/Fund Status
Resolution 16395-26: Approve Payment of Bills for June 2026
Resolution 16396-26: Approve Payment of Bills for July 2026
Resolution 16397-26: Approve Transfers for July 2026
Resolution 16398-26: Establish School Lunch and Breakfast Prices for the 2026-2027 School Year

Resolution 16399-26: **Approve Tuition Reimbursement Rates for 2026-2027**
Resolution 16400-26: **Approve the Renewal of Membership in NJSIG**
Resolution 16401-26: **Approve Submission of the 2026-2027 IDEA Grant to the NJ Department of Education**
Resolution 16402-26: **Approve Submission of the 2026-2027 ESEA Grant to the NJ Department of Education**
Resolution 16403-26: **Approve Refusal of Title III Funds**
Resolution 16404-26: **Approve Revised Memorandum of Understanding with Rutgers University**
Resolution 16405-26: **Approve Donation of Construction Equipment**

ROLL CALL VOTE: ***Motion Carried:*** Yes / No

Lamonte ___ McDonough ___ Mengucci ___ Mlecz___

Resolution 16392-26: **Receive, Accept, and Approve June 2026 Financial Reports**
On the motion of _____, seconded by _____, RESOLVED, that the June 2026 financial reports of the Secretary and Treasurer be received, accepted, and approved.

Exhibit: F1

Resolution 16393-26: **Receive, Accept, and Approve July 2026 Financial Reports**
On the motion of _____, seconded by _____, RESOLVED, that the July 2026 financial reports of the Secretary and Treasurer be received, accepted, and approved.

Exhibit: F2

Resolution 16394-26: **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 August 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 16395-26: **Approve Payment of Bills for June 2026**
On the motion of_____, seconded by _____, RESOLVED, that this Board approves the payment of bills as shown on the attached Bills List for June, 2026, in the amount of $405,312.94.

Exhibit: F3

Resolution 16396-26: **Approve Payment of Bills for July 2026**
On the motion of_____, seconded by _____, RESOLVED, that this Board approves the payment of bills as shown on the attached Bills List for June, 2026, in the amount of $1,786,768.51.

Exhibit: F4

Resolution 16397-26: **Approve Transfers for July 2026**
On the motion of_____, seconded by _____, RESOLVED, that this Board approves transfers for July 2026.

Exhibit: F5

Resolution 16398-26: **Establish School Lunch and Breakfast Prices for the 2026-2027 School Year**
On the motion of _____, seconded by _____, RESOLVED, that this Board establishes the school lunch and breakfast program prices for the 2026-2027 school year as follows:

Program		**Program**	
Student Lunch	$5.00	Student Breakfast	$3.50
Reduced Student Lunch	$0.00	Reduced Student Breakfast	$0.00
Adult Lunch	$5.75	Adult Breakfast	$4.50
Milk	$0.50		

Resolution 16399-26: **Approve Tuition Reimbursement Rates for 2026-2027**
On the motion of _____, seconded by _____, RESOLVED, that this Board approves the tuition reimbursement rates for the 2026-2027 school year as follows:

Graduate per credit reimbursement	$971.00
Undergraduate per credit reimbursement	$525.00

Exhibit: F6

Resolution 16400-26: **Approve the Renewal of Membership in NJSIG**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 18A:18B-1, et seq., enables boards of education to join with other boards of education in school board insurance trusts for the purpose of forming self-insurance pools;

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Schools Insurance Group ("NJSIG") is a joint insurance fund authorized by N.J.S.A. 18A:18B-1, et seq. to provide insurance coverage and risk management services for its members;

WHEREAS, the Warren County Technical School, herein after referred to as the "Educational Institution," has resolved to apply for and/or renew its membership with NJSIG;

WHEREAS, the Educational Institution certifies that it has not defaulted on a claim, and has not been cancelled for non-payment of insurance premium for a period of at least two (2) years prior to the date of its application to NJSIG;

WHEREAS, the Educational Institution desires to secure protection, services, and savings relating to insurance and self-insurance for itself and its departments and employees; and,

WHEREAS, the Educational Institution finds that the best and most efficient way of securing this protection and services is by cooperating with other boards of education in the State of New Jersey.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT:
1) This agreement is made by and between NJSIG and the Educational Institution;
2) The Educational Institution joins with other boards of education in organizing and becoming members of NJSIG pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18B-3(a), for a period of three years, beginning on July 1, 2026, and ending July 1, 2029 at 12:01 a.m.;

3) In consideration of membership in NJSIG, the Educational Institution agrees that for those types of coverage in which it participates, the Educational Institution shall jointly and severally assume and discharge the liabilities of each and every member of NJSIG to such agreement arising from their participation in NJSIG. By execution hereof the full faith and credit of the Educational Institution is pledged to the punctual payment of any sums which shall become due to NJSIG in accordance with the bylaws thereof, the plan of risk management, this Agreement and any applicable statute or regulation;
4) The Educational Institution and NJSIG agree that NJSIG shall hold all monies paid by the Educational Institution to NJSIG as fiduciaries for the benefit of NJSIG claimants all in accordance with applicable statutes and/or regulations;
5) NJSIG shall establish and maintain Trust Accounts in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18B-1, et seq. and such other statutes and regulations as may be applicable;
6) By adoption and signing of this resolution, the Educational Institution is hereby joining NJSIG in accordance with the terms of this Indemnity and Trust Agreement and Resolution to Join / Renew Membership, effective the date indicated below, for the types of insurance as indicated in the Insurance Binder issued by NJSIG;
7) The Educational Institution hereby ratifies and affirms the bylaws and other organizational and operational documents of NJSIG, and as from time to time amended by NJSIG and/or the State of New Jersey, Department of Banking and Insurance, in accordance with the applicable statutes and regulations as if each and every one of said documents were re-executed contemporaneously herewith;
8) The Educational Institution agrees to be a participating member of NJSIG for the period herein provided for and to comply with all of the rules and regulations and obligations associated with said membership, including, but not limited to the NJSIG's Plan of Risk Management;
9) The Educational Institution under its obligations as a member of NJSIG agrees to allow for safety inspections of its properties, to pay contributions in a timely fashion and to comply with the bylaws and standards of participation of NJSIG including the plan of risk management;
10) If NJSIG, in the enforcement of any part of this Agreement, shall incur necessary expense or become obligated to pay attorney's fees and/or court costs, the Educational Institution agrees to reimburse NJSIG for all such reasonable expenses, fees and costs on demand;
11) The Business Administrator is hereby authorized in accordance with the Public School Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1, et seq., to execute such contracts and documentation with NJSIG as is necessary to effectuate this resolution; and,
12) The Business Administrator is directed to send a certified copy of this Indemnity and Trust Agreement and Resolution to Join / Renew Membership to NJSIG.

I certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a Resolution passed by the Educational Institution at the meeting duly held on this _____ day of _____, _____.

Resolution 16401-26: Approve Submission of the 2026-2027 IDEA Grant to the NJ Department of Education

On the motion of _____, seconded by _____, RESOLVED, that this Board approves submission of the 2026-2027 IDEA grant to the NJ Department of Education in the amount of $113,966.00

Resolution 16402-26: Approve Submission of the 2026-2027 ESEA Grant to the NJ Department of Education

On the motion of _____, seconded by _____, RESOLVED, that this Board approves submission of the 2026-2027 ESEA grant to the NJ Department of Education in the following amounts:

Title I	$72,793
Title II	$10,617
Title IV	$10,000

Resolution 16403-26: **Approve Refusal of Title III Funds**
On the motion of _____, seconded by _____, RESOLVED, that this Board approves the refusal of Title III Funds in the amount of $357

Resolution 16404-26: **Approve Revised Memorandum of Understanding with Rutgers University**
On the motion of_____, seconded by _____, RESOLVED, that this Board approves a Memorandum of Understanding between the Warren County Technical School and Rutgers University for the Health Science Careers Program for the 2026-2027 school year.

Exhibit: F7

Resolution 16405-26: **Approve Donation of Construction Equipment**
On the motion of _____, seconded by _____, RESOLVED, that this Board approves donation of construction equipment from Samantha Tasiopoulos for the Construction Class

PERSONNEL

Resolution 16404-26: **Approve Personnel Resolutions as Listed Below**
On the motion of _____, seconded by _____, RESOLVED, that this Board approves personnel resolutions as listed below, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent:

Resolution 16405-26: **Accept Resignation of Jennifer White, Special Education Instructor**
Resolution 16406-26: **Accept Resignation of Part-Time LPN Adjunct Tamara Garcia**
Resolution 16407-26: **Approve Part-Time LPN Adjunct Dorothy Conover**
Resolution 16408-26: **Approve Anthony Pittala as a Special Education Instructor for the 2026-2027 School Year**
Resolution 16409-26: **Approve David DiMasi as a Mathematics Instructor for the 2026-2027 School Year**
Resolution 16410-26: **Approve the Following as Substitute Instructors for the 2026-2027 School Year**
Resolution 16411-26: **Approve the Following Extracurricular Appointments as Follows:**

ROLL CALL VOTE: ***Motion Carried:*** Yes / No

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Resolution 16405-26: **Accept Resignation of Jennifer White, Special Education Instructor**
On the motion of _____, seconded by _____, RESOLVED, that this Board accepts the resignation of Jennifer White, Special Education Instructor, effective June 30, 2026.

Resolution 16406-26: **Accept Resignation of Part-Time LPN Adjunct Tamara Garcia**
On the motion of _____, seconded by _____, RESOLVED, that this Board accepts the resignation of Part-Time LPN Adjunct Tamara Garcia, effective June 22, 2026.

Resolution 16407-26: **Approve Part-Time LPN Adjunct Dorothy Conover**
On the motion of _____, seconded by _____, RESOLVED, that this Board approves Part-Time LPN Adjunct, Dorothy Conover, at an hourly rate of $45.00, effective August 1, 2026.

Resolution 16408-26: **Approve Anthony Pittala as a Special Education Instructor for the 2026-2027 School Year**

On the motion of _____, seconded by _____, RESOLVED, that this Board approves Anthony Pittala as a Special Education Instructor at WTEA Step MA 4, $71,195 for the 2026-2027 school year.

Resolution 16409-26: **Approve David DiMasi as a Mathematics Instructor for the 2026-2027 School Year**

On the motion of _____, seconded by _____, RESOLVED, that this Board approves David DiMasi as a Mathematics Instructor at WTEA Step MA 4, $71,195 for the 2026-2027 school year.

Resolution 16410-26: **Approve the Following as Substitute Instructors for the 2026-2027 School Year**

On the motion of_____, seconded by _____, RESOLVED, that this Board approves the following substitute instructors for the 2026-2027 school year:

Jessica Simins	Krista Winters	Dana Pellegrino-Heath	Judith Painter
Danielle Adams	Alexandra Darwin	Margaret Seme	Joe Parkin
Troy Heath	Hunter Valeo		

Resolution 16411-26: **Approve the Following Extracurricular Appointments as Follows:**

On the motion of _____, seconded by _____, RESOLVED, that this Board approves the following extracurricular appointments for the 2026-2027 school year.

Mathew Ponczek	Assistant Bowling Coach
Annie Lazorchak	Assistant Girls Soccer Coach

TRAVEL

Resolution 16412-26: **Approve the Following Field Trips as Listed Below**

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

DATE	STAFF MEMBER	TRIP DETAILS	COST
10 15 2026	R. Gara, S. Lance, Ken Wene, C. Feilbach, S. McGeough	2nd Annual Build My Future Construction Career Day & Industry Showcase, Franklin Elementary School, Succasunna, NJ	$977.24

ROLL CALL VOTE: ***Motion Carried:*** Yes / No

Austin ___ Lamonte ___ Leahy ___McDonough ___Mlecz___

POLICY

Resolution 16413-26: **Approve the Policy Revisions as Listed Below**

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

Resolution 16414-26: **Approve Suspending Bylaw 0131 that Requires Two Readings and Adopt Policy and Regulation 5516**
Resolution 16415-26: **Approve Suspending Bylaw 0131 that Requires Two Readings and Adopt Policy and Regulation 8662**
Resolution 16416-26: **Approve Suspending Bylaw 0131 that Requires Two Readings and Adopt Policy 2363**
Resolution 16418-26: **Approve the Second Reading of the Policy Revisions as Listed Below**

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Motion Carried: Yes / No

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Resolution 16414-26: **Approve Suspending Bylaw 0131 that Requires Two Readings and Adopt Policy and Regulation 5516**

On the motion of _____, seconded by _____, RESOLVED, that this Board approves to suspend Bylaw 0131 that requires two readings and adopt Policy and Regulation 5516 with one reading to have the Policy and Regulation in place for September 2026; the action suspending Bylaw 0131 shall only be in effect for the adoption of Policy and Regulation 5516.

Exhibit: A

Resolution 16415-26: **Approve Suspending Bylaw 0131 that Requires Two Readings and Adopt Policy and Regulation 8662**

On the motion of _____, seconded by _____, RESOLVED, that this Board approves to suspend Bylaw 0131 that requires two readings and adopt Policy 8662 with one reading to have the Policy and Regulation in place for September 2026; the action suspending Bylaw 0131 shall only be in effect for the adoption of Policy 8662.

Exhibit: B

Resolution 16416-26: **Approve Suspending Bylaw 0131 that Requires Two Readings and Abolish Policy 2363**

On the motion of _____, seconded by _____, RESOLVED, that this Board approves to suspend Bylaw 0131 that requires two readings and abolish Policy 2363 with one reading.

Exhibit: C

Resolution 16417-26: **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:

P5111	Eligibility of Resident/Non-Resident Pupils - **Abolish**
P8561	Procurement Procedures for School Nutrition Programs (M) (Revised)

Exhibit: D

EDUCATIONAL

Resolution 16418-26: Approve the Educational Resolutions as Listed Below
On the motion of _____, seconded by _____, RESOLVED, that this Board approves the educational resolutions as listed below:

Resolution 16419-26: Approve the Remote Instruction Plan for the 2026-2027 School Year
Resolution 16420-26: Approve the Mentoring Plan for the 2026-2027 School Year
Resolution 16421-26: Approve the Warren County Technical School Professional Development Plan for the 2026-2027 School Year
Resolution 16422-26: Approve the School Security Plan for the 2026-2027 School Year
Resolution 16423-26: Approve the Student Handbook for the 2026-2027 School Year
Resolution 16424-26: Approve the Faculty Handbook for the 2026-2027 School Year
Resolution 16425-26: Approve the Program of Study for the 2026-2027 School Year

ROLL CALL VOTE: ***Motion Carried:*** Yes / No

Mengucci ___ Lamonte ___ McDonough ___Mlecz___

Resolution 16419-26: Approve the Remote Instruction Plan for the 2026-2027 School Year
On the motion of _____, seconded by _____, RESOLVED, that this Board approves the Remote Instruction Plan for the 2026-2027 school year.

Exhibit: E

Resolution 16420-26: Approve the Mentoring Plan for the 2026-2027 School Year
On the motion of _____, seconded by _____, RESOLVED, that this Board approves the Mentoring Plan for the 2026-2027 school year.

Exhibit: F

Resolution 16421-26: Approve the Warren County Technical School Professional Development Plan for the 2026-2027 School Year
On the motion of _____, seconded by _____, RESOLVED, that this Board approves the Warren County Technical School Professional Development Plan for the 2026-2027 school year.

Exhibit: G

Resolution 16422-26: Approve the School Safety and Security Plan for the 2026-2027 School Year
On the motion of _____, seconded by _____, RESOLVED, that this Board approves the School Safety and Security Plan for the 2026-2027 school year.

Exhibit: H

Resolution 16423-26: Approve the Student Handbook for the 2026-2027 School Year

On the motion of _____, seconded by _____, RESOLVED, that this Board approves the Student Handbook for the 2026-2027 school year.

Exhibit: I

Resolution 16424-26: Approve the Faculty Handbook for the 2026-2027 School Year
On the motion of _____, seconded by _____, RESOLVED, that this Board approves the Faculty Handbook for the 2026-2027 school year.

Exhibit: J

Resolution 16425-26: Approve the Program of Study for the 2026-2027 School Year
On the motion of _____, seconded by _____, RESOLVED, that this Board approves the **Program of Study** for the 2026-2027 school year.

Exhibit: K

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 _____, seconded by _____, the Board adjourned the meeting at _____p.m.

VOICE VOTE: Yeas:__ Nays:___ Abstain:___ Absent:___ ***Motion Carried:*** Yes / No

Upcoming Dates of Interest:

August 25, 2026	First Day Back To School for Teachers
August 27, 2026	Freshman Orientation
August 31, 2026	First Day of School for Students
September 16, 2026	BOE Meeting