

# **AGENDA**

## **PATERSON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**April 9, 2025**  
**Remote**

**6:00 p.m. (Regular Meeting)**  
**90 Delaware Avenue**

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**Mission Statement:** Recognizing our proud traditions, diverse community, and partnerships, the mission of the PPSD provides an academically rigorous, safe and nurturing educational environment by meeting the social, emotional and academic needs of our students as we prepare them for post-secondary education and career.

**Vision Statement:** The district will be a leader of 21<sup>st</sup> century innovation where students develop habits of lifelong learning and excel academically to become future-ready leaders.

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- I. OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT
- II. ROLL CALL
- III. SALUTE TO THE FLAG
- IV. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT
- V. REPORT OF THE BOARD PRESIDENT
- VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS (Three minutes per person)
- VII. GENERAL BUSINESS
  - A. Items Requiring a Vote
    1. Presentation of Minutes
      - a. February 12, 2025 (Executive Session)
      - b. March 5, 2025 (Workshop)
      - c. March 12, 2025 (Regular)
      - d. March 17, 2025 (Special)
      - e. March 20, 2025 (Emergency)
    2. Resolution Items (1-48 and Organization 1-25)
      - Instruction & Program (1-25)
      - Operations (26-29)
      - Fiscal Management (30-44)
      - Personnel (45-47)
      - Governance (48)
      - Organization Fiscal Items (1-25)
  - B. Committee Reports
    - Facilities
    - Family & Community Engagement
    - Policy
    - Technology
- VIII. OTHER BUSINESS
  - A. Motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss issues that warrant confidentiality, as consistent with NJSA 10:4-12 for matters of Attorney/Client Privilege, Contracts, Legal, Litigation, Negotiations, Personnel and Student Matters. The minutes will be made available to the public upon request, when the confidentiality of the subject is no longer warranted.
  - B. Reconvene
- IX. ADJOURNMENT

**GENERAL BUSINESS CONSENT AGENDA  
FOR INSTRUCTION & PROGRAM, OPERATIONS,  
FISCAL MANAGEMENT, PERSONNEL AND GOVERNANCE  
April 9, 2025**

**INSTRUCTION & PROGRAM**

- I&P-1. Approve submission of the 2025-2026 Preschool Enrollment and the Early Childhood budget during the 2024-2025 school year, with the total fiscal year 2025-2026 Early Childhood budget being \$65,289,796.00 consisting of fiscal year 2025-2026 Preschool Education Aid award of \$49,282,111.00, prior year Preschool Education Aid carryover of \$12,043,381.00, and the fiscal year 2024-2025 District preschool disabled contribution of \$3,964,304.00.
- I&P-2. Approve submission of an amendment for the FY 24/25 Perkins Secondary Grant allocation for the improvement of secondary and post-secondary career and technical education programs, for the grant period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025, in the amount of \$188,400.00.
- I&P-3. Approve acceptance of funding from the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development, to operate the program entitled Consolidated Adult Basic Skills and Integrated English Literacy and Civics Education at the Paterson Adult & Continuing Education, for the project period from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026, in the anticipated amount of \$1,319,748.00.
- I&P-4. Approve acceptance of the NJDOE Wrap Around Services Enhancement Grant during the 2024-2025 school year to help families offset cost-sharing for before-school and after-school childcare, during the 2024-2025 school year, or summer enrichment materials to support families of preschoolers, at an amount not to exceed \$346,236.00.
- I&P-5. Approve acceptance of grant funds from Meadowlands Environmental Center to provide transportation to schools in the state for field trips and learning experiences, with a climate change culminating event, during the 2024-2025 school year, in the amount of \$32,000.00 (\$700 per school).
- I&P-6. Approve acceptance of a donation from The SodexoMagic Stop Hunger Foundation donated by Bristol Myers Squibb, to support the backpack program and other initiatives to fight hunger through the Department of Family and Community Engagement, in the amount of \$6,000.00.
- I&P-7. Approve acceptance of a donation from The SodexoMagic Stop Hunger Foundation to be used to purchase food for needy parents/families through the Department of Family and Community Engagement, in the amount of \$1,000.00.
- I&P-8. Approve acceptance of a grant from Sustainable New Jersey for Schools for a school garden at Rev. Dr. Frank Napier, Jr. School, in the amount of \$2,000.00.
- I&P-9. Approve the purchase of Benchmark Advance/Adelante 2025 K-5 Literacy Textbooks from Benchmark Education, to provide a comprehensive program for all students focused on literacy development, for implementation during the 2025-2026, 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 school years, at a total cost of \$4,021,171.50.

- I&P-10. Approve the use of therapy dogs at Alexander Hamilton Academy, for the 2025-2027 school years, with Bright and Beautiful Therapy Dogs Inc., supplying an insurance certificate naming the district as an additional insured, with a written notification to parents of students who may be in contact with the therapy dog(s), outlining appropriate accommodations for students who are allergic to or fearful of dogs, at no cost to the district.
- I&P-11. Approve participation for School No. 20 with Girls on the Run Chapter, to develop confidence and other important life skills through dynamic lessons, goal setting and teamwork, during the 2024-2025 school year, at an amount not to exceed \$2,700.00.
- I&P-12. Approve award of a contract for Summer Bridge Essential Backpacks – DW (PPS-194-25) to Carson Dellosa Publishing d.b.a. Carson Dellosa Education (primary) and Staples Contract & Commercial (secondary), for the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 school years, at an amount not to exceed \$400,000.00 annually.
- I&P-13. Approve entering into an agreement with Carla Brothers (Director) for School 24 Fine & Performing Arts (Producer) Program's Production of "Disney's High School Musical", during the 2024-2025 school year, at an amount not to exceed \$10,275.00.
- I&P-14. Approve entering into an agreement with Party Perfect Rentals, LLC, for an end of the year carnival at School No. 1, with games and attractions to enhance the entire school community and celebrate student success, on June 12, 2025 (rain date in June 2025), in the amount of \$4,657.50.
- I&P-15 –
- I&P-22. Approve out of district placement/educational services for students.
- I&P-23. Approve a field trip for staff and students on the Eastside High School track team to participate in the Penn Relays Carnival at Franklin Field, in Philadelphia, PA, April 23-26, 2025, at a cost of \$8,266.60.
- I&P-24. Approve a field trip for staff and students at School No. 12 to attend museums, the national monument and landmarks over two days to learn of the founding father and other historic American figures, in Alexandria, Virginia, from May 27-28, 2025, at a cost of \$8,032.33.
- I&P-25. Approve the amended list of field trip destination sites for the 2024-2025 school year.

## **OPERATIONS**

- O-26. Approve entering into an agreement with Quality Behavioral Solutions (QBS) to train and recertify district personnel to become trainers/instructors who will train district stakeholders on safety-care processes and procedures, for the 2024-2025 school year, at an amount not to exceed \$3,196.00.
- O-27. Approve entering into an agreement with C4Synergy to provide professional development to teachers to build upon the skills needed to instruct students in CTE class setting, for the 2024-2025 school year, at an amount not to exceed \$6,000.00.

- O-28. Approve that the Board of Education has received the Harassment, Intimidation, or Bullying investigations for the month of February 2025, in which there were 29 incidents reported, and there were 8 cases being founded and 21 being unfounded cases.
- O-29. Approve that the Board of Education has received the Harassment, Intimidation, or Bullying investigations for the month of March 2025, in which there were 13 incidents reported, and there were 6 cases being founded and 7 being unfounded cases.

### **FISCAL MANAGEMENT**

- F-30. Approve payment of bills and claims dated through April 9, 2025, beginning with check number 247445 and ending with check number 247891 along with direct deposit numbers beginning with 2424 and ending with 2434 in the amount of \$26,451,169.39, and wires in the amount of \$479,212.08, for a total of \$26,930,381.47.
- F-31. Approve transfer of funds within the 2024-2025 school year budget for the month of February 2025, so that no budgetary line-item account has been over-expended and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations.
- F-32. Acknowledge receipt and accept the Monthly Financial Report, Board Secretary A148, for the month of February 2025.
- F-33. Acknowledge receipt and accept the Monthly Financial Report, Report of the Treasurer A149, for the month of February 2025.
- F-34. Approve payment for the gross payroll checks and direct deposits dated March 14, 2025, in the amount of \$121,669.75 (Wellness Payments), beginning with check number 1021595 and ending with check number 1021602 and direct deposit number D003697053 and ending with D003697445, payment for gross payroll checks and direct deposits dated March 14, 2025, in the amount of \$13,893,837.55, beginning with check number 1021594 and 1021603 and ending with check number 1021784 and direct deposit number D003697446 and ending with D003702184, and payment for the gross payroll checks and direct deposits dated March 28, 2025, in the amount of \$13,302,641.16, beginning with check number 1021785 and ending with check number 1021971 and direct deposit number D003702185 and ending with D003706666.
- F-35. Approve acceptance of the New Jersey School Development Authority (NJSDA) FY25 Emergent Capital Maintenance Needs Grant for School 10, Dale Avenue, School 19, Rosa Parks HS, Roberto Clemente, Eastside HS, School 28, SFLS (School 6), and School 21, in the amount of \$3,413,177.00.
- F-36. Approve ratification of John F. Kennedy High School athlete Solaris Paul in the NJSIAA state wrestling tournament in Atlantic City, NJ, from March 6-8, 2025, at no cost to the district.
- F-37. Approve acceptance of a donation from Mr. Chris Coke and H2M Architects and Engineers for the John F. Kennedy High School outdoor track and field team, to offset any cost incurred at Penn Relays, in the amount of \$1,000.00.
- F-38. Approve acceptance of a donation from Wish for Wheels of bicycles and helmets for second grade students at School No. 20.

- F-39. Approve the purchase, installation and configuration, and upgrade of the CORE/BTS network infrastructure, for the 2024-2025 school year, at an amount not to exceed \$280,000.00.
- F-40. Approve entering into a contract with ClassLink, a cloud-based platform designed to help schools manage digital learning resources and access, for the 2024-2025 school year, at an amount not to exceed \$101,615.00.
- F-41. Approve entering into an agreement with SHI International for the purchase of Solarwinds, a network management/monitoring system, for the 2024-2025 school year, at an amount not to exceed \$43,232.00.
- F-42. Approve award of contracts for Office Supplies & Related (PPS-115-26) to W.B. Mason Co. Inc. (primary), Cascade School Supplies, School Specialty and Staples, for the 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 school years, at an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000.00 in total, annually.
- F-43. Approve award of contracts for School Supplies & Related (PPS-146-26) to Staples (primary), Cascade School Supplies, Inc., School Specialty LLC, S&S Worldwide, Inc., and Lakeshore Learning Materials LLC, for the 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 school years, at an amount not to exceed \$1,950,000.00 in total, annually.
- F-44. Approve award of contracts for Arts & Crafts, Toys & Novelties Materials (PPS-182-26) to School Specialty, LLC, S&S Worldwide, and Lakeshore Learning Materials, for the 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 school years, at an amount not to exceed \$75,000.00 in total, annually.

## **PERSONNEL**

- P-45. Approve the personnel recommendations of the Superintendent of Schools for adoption at the April 9, 2025, board meeting.
- P-46. Approve submission of the Comprehensive Equity Plan to the New Jersey Department of Education for its authorization for the implementation of the plan.
- P-47. Approve research studies request through William Paterson University – Samantha Emery-Allen: The Role of Technological Applications in Second Language Acquisition for Hispanic and Latino Middle School English Learners, during the 2024-2025 school year, at no cost to the district.

## **GOVERNANCE**

- G-48. Approve appointment of special counsel to the District, pursuant to the terms of a Professional Service Agreement, to Adams, Lattiboudere, Croot & Herman, LLC; Antonelli, Kantor Rivera, P.C.; Apruzzese, McDermott, Mastro & Murphy, P.C.; Biancamano & Di Stefano, P.C. (WC); Biancamano & Di Stefano, P.C. (GL); Buglione Hutton & DeYoe, LLC; Busch Law Group, LLC; Charles A. Yuen, LLC; Chiesa, Shahinian & Giantomasi, P.C.; Florio Kenney Raval; Hunt, Hamlin & Ridley; Robert E. Murray, LLC; Scarinci Holleneck; Shabazz & Woolridge Law Group; Taylor Law Group, LLC; The Murray Law Firm, LLC., and appointment of General Counsel to Buglione Hutton & DeYoe, LLC, for the period of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026, at an amount not to exceed \$850,000.00.

## **ORGANIZATION RESOLUTIONS**

Motion to adopt fiscal reorganization resolutions tabled at the January 2, 2025, meeting:

1. Appointment of Treasurer of School Moneys
2. Authorize payment of bills between board meetings
3. Authorize submission of grant applications and financial reports between board meetings
4. Approve bank accounts, depositories and petty cash account
5. Authorize the uniform minimum chart of accounts
6. Approve procurement of goods and services through state contracts
7. Approve cooperative pricing agreement (Educational & Institutional Cooperative Services Inc.—E&I)
8. Approve cooperative pricing agreement (Educational Data Services)
9. Approve cooperative pricing agreement (Educational Services Commission of New Jersey)
10. Approve cooperative pricing agreement (Hunterdon County ESC)
11. Approve cooperative pricing agreement (Interlocal Purchasing Systems)
12. Approve cooperative pricing agreement (Keystone Purchasing Network)
13. Approve cooperative pricing agreement (Morris County Cooperative Council)
14. Approve cooperative pricing agreement (New Jersey Edge)
15. Approve cooperative pricing agreement (NJSBA ACES)
16. Approve cooperative pricing agreement (OMNIA Partners)
17. Approve cooperative pricing agreement (Premier Educational Purchasing Program)
18. Approve cooperative pricing agreement (Sourcewell Coop)
19. Approve cooperative pricing agreement (The Cooperative Purchasing Network)
20. Approve cooperative pricing agreement (National Association of State Procurement Officials-NASPO ValuePoint)
21. Approve cooperative pricing agreement (National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance)
22. Approve cooperative pricing agreement (The New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Alliance)
23. Approve requisition of taxes schedule for 2025-2026
24. Approve appointment of QPA and continuation of bid threshold for 2025-2026
25. Approve Integrated Pest Management Plan; Chemical Hygiene Plan; Indoor Air Quality Program Plan; Hazardous Communication Program; and Exposure Control Plan