



East Brunswick Board of Education

Board Meeting Agenda

September 25, 2025

6:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Board Member	Present	Absent	Late
Anna Braun			
Timothy Cummings			
Jaime Falco			
Louis Figueroa			
Laurie Herrick			
Liwu Hong, Board Vice President			
Wilbur Pan			
Marianne Tanious			
Heather Guas, Board President			
Totals			

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENT

The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to ensure the right of the public to have advance notice of, and to attend the meetings of, public bodies at which any business affecting their interests is discussed and acted upon. In accordance with the provisions of this Act, the East Brunswick Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time and place thereof posted at the Board of Education offices, located at 760 Route 18, East Brunswick, New Jersey. Written notice was also provided to the Sentinel, The Newark Star Ledger, The Home News Tribune, The Alternative Press of East Brunswick, and the Municipal Clerk of East Brunswick.

All Board of Education meetings, with the exception of executive session discussions, are video

taped for later broadcast. It is the policy of the Board of Education that video taped meetings are not edited for any purpose. Individuals who speak at the Board's public meetings should be aware of these videotaping rules.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

1. Resignation Due To Retirement (Revised) - Dr. Victor P. Valeski, Superintendent of Schools (Roll Call)

Recommendation: The Board of Education accepts with regret the revised resignation due to retirement of Dr. Victor P. Valeski, Superintendent of Schools, effective December 1, 2025.

Board Member	Moved	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstention	Did Not Vote
Anna Braun						
Timothy Cummings						
Jaime Falco						
Louis Figueroa						
Laurie Herrick						
Liwu Hong						
Wilbur Pan						
Marianne Tanious						
Heather Guas						
Totals						

2. Appointment of Superintendent of Schools (Roll Call - Majority of Full Board Required)

RECOMMENDATION: That the following resolution is approved:

WHEREAS, the position of Superintendent of Schools serves as the educational leader for the community; and

WHEREAS, one of the most important responsibilities of the East Brunswick Board of Education is the selection and appointment of its Superintendent of Schools; and

WHEREAS, the East Brunswick Board of Education has undertaken an extensive search spanning many months for a qualified candidate to fill the position of Superintendent of Schools; and

WHEREAS, through that search, the East Brunswick Board of Education's efforts have culminated in the selection of an individual to serve as the East Brunswick Public School District's educational leader; and

WHEREAS, the Middlesex County Executive County Superintendent of Schools has reviewed and approved the proposed contract for the East Brunswick Public School District's Superintendent of Schools.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the East Brunswick Board of Education that _____ be appointed as the East Brunswick Public School District's Superintendent of Schools in accordance with the terms of their contract; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the full contract be maintained on file in the Office of the Assistant Superintendent for Business and Support Operations/Board Secretary.

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FOR THE GOOD OF THE CAUSE FOR THE PUBLIC

Public Comment Rules

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. To protect the privacy of all students and staff, concerns regarding individual students and staff members should generally be addressed by first meeting with the appropriate administrative staff.

In order to permit the fair and orderly expression of such comment, the Board shall provide a period for public comment at every meeting of the Board.

Public participation shall be permitted only as indicated on the order of business in Board Bylaw No. 0164.

Public participation shall be extended to residents of this district, persons having a legitimate interest in the actions of this Board, persons representing groups in the community or school district, representatives of firms eligible to bid on materials or services solicited by the Board, and employees and pupils of this district, except when the issue addressed by the participant is subject to remediation by an alternate method provided for in policies or contracts of the Board.

Public participation is not an opportunity to engage in a dialogue with the Board and 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. A participant is limited to three (3) minutes' duration; elapsed time will be determined through the use of a timing device operated by the Board Secretary;
 3. No participant may speak more than once and there shall be no yielding of time among speakers;
 4. All statements shall be directed to the presiding officer; no participant may address or question Board members individually;
 5. There shall be no cross dialogue between the participant and the Board and/or Administration;
 6. Upon conclusion of a participant's remarks, the presiding officer will acknowledge the individual's remarks and may respond and/or direct a member of the Administration to respond to an inquiry following the participant's remarks or at the conclusion of the public participation session;

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.

N.J.S.A. 2C:33-8

N.J.S.A. 10:4-12

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

1. Overnight Field Trip - AP Government and Politics

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The overnight field trip is funded by an EBEF grant resulting from Michael Seibel's recent donation. The overnight field trip in compliance with Board of Education policies and regulations, and New Jersey Department of Education regulations.

Recommendation: That an overnight field trip is approved as follows:

Group: AP Government and Policies

Dates: October 6, 2025 - October 9, 2025

Purpose: Designated Educational

Destination: Washington, DC

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CLOSED SESSION

Closed Session Resolution

RECOMMENDATION: That the following resolution is approved:

WHEREAS, the Board of Education must discuss matters which are not appropriate for discussion in a public meeting; and

WHEREAS, these subjects are within the exceptions to the Open Public Meetings Act and are permitted to be discussed in Closed Session pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education intends to discuss matters as follows:

- Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b(1), *"any matter which, by provision of federal law or State statute or rule of court shall be rendered confidential or excluded from the provisions of subsection a. of N.J.S.A. 10:4-12, public meetings."* The nature of the matter, described as specifically as possible without undermining the need for confidentiality, is:
- Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b(2), *"any matter in which the release of information would impair a right to receive funds from the Government of the United States."* The nature of the matter, described as specifically as possible without undermining the need for confidentiality, is:

- Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b(3), *"any material the disclosure of which constitutes an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy such as records, data, reports, recommendations, or other personal material of any educational, training, social service, medical, health, custodial, child protection, rehabilitation, legal defense, welfare, housing, relocation, insurance and similar program or institution operated by a public body pertaining to any specific individual admitted to or served by such institution or program, including but not limited to information relative to the individuals personal and family circumstances, and any material pertaining to admission, discharge, treatment, progress or condition of any individual, unless the individual concerned (or, in the case of a minor or incompetent, his guardian) shall request in writing that the same be disclosed publicly."* The nature of the matter, described as specifically as possible without undermining the need for confidentiality, is:
- Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b(4), *"any collective bargaining agreement, or the terms and conditions which are proposed for inclusion in any collective bargaining agreement, including the negotiation of the terms and conditions thereof with employees or representatives of employees of the public body."* The collective bargaining contract(s) discussed are between the Board and:
- Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b(5), *"any matter involving the purchase, lease or acquisition of real property with public funds, the setting of banking rates or investment of public funds, where it could adversely affect the public interest if discussion of such matter were disclosed."* The nature of the matter, described as specifically as possible without undermining the need for confidentiality, is:
- Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b(6), *"any tactics and techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public, provided that their disclosure could impair such protection. Any investigations of violations or possible violations of the law."* The nature of the matter, described as specifically as possible without undermining the need for confidentiality, is:
- Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b(7), *"any pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiation other than in subsection b. (4)" of N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 in which the public body is, or may become a party. Any matters falling within the attorney-client privilege, to the extent that confidentiality is required in order for the attorney to exercise his ethical duties as a lawyer."* The nature of the matter, described as specifically as possible without undermining the need for confidentiality, is:
- Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b(8), *"any matter involving the employment, appointment, termination of employment, terms and conditions of employment, evaluation of the performance of, promotion or discipline of any specific prospective public officer or employee or current public officer or employee employed or appointed by the public body, unless all individual employees or appointees whose rights could be adversely affected request in writing that such matter or matters be discussed at a public meeting."* The nature of the matter, described as specifically as possible without undermining the need for confidentiality, is:
- Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b(9), *"any deliberation of a public body occurring after a public hearing that may result in the imposition of a specific civil penalty upon the*

responding party or the suspension or loss of a license or permit belonging to the responding party as a result of an act or omission for which the responding party bears responsibility." The nature of the matter, described as specifically as possible without undermining the need for confidentiality, is:

WHEREAS, the length of the Closed Session is estimated to be **ONE HOUR** after which the public meeting of the Board shall reconvene and action **WILL NOT BE** taken.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the East Brunswick Board of Education will recess into Closed Session for only the aforesaid subject(s); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the East Brunswick Board of Education hereby declares that its discussion of the aforesaid subject(s) will be made public at a time when the public's interest in disclosure is greater than any privacy or governmental interest being protected from disclosure in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

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ADJOURNMENT

1. Adjournment

Recommendation: That the meeting be adjourned.

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**EAST BRUNSWICK PUBLIC
SCHOOLS**

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION
Agenda Item: 1.

Date Prepared: 9/22/2025

Meeting Date: 9/25/2025

TO: Members, Board of Education

FROM: Dr. Joyce Boley, Assistant Superintendent of Academics

SUBJECT: Overnight Field Trip - AP Government and Politics

Summary:

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ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Upload Date	Type
Overnight Field Trip - AP Government and Politics - Washington, DC 10.06-10.09.2025	9/22/2025	Backup Material
Expense Form AP Government - Washington, DC 10.06-10.09.2025	9/22/2025	Backup Material
AP Government and Politics Field Trip - 10.06-10.09.2025	9/22/2025	Backup Material

Field Trip Application

Date of Trip:	<u>10/06/2025 - 10/09/2025</u>		
School:	<u>HighSchool</u>	Grades:	<u>12</u>
Teacher:	<u>Ellen Spivey</u>	Date of Application:	<u>09/05/2025</u>
Destination:	<u>Arc Hotel 824 New Hampshire Ave, NW Washington, DC 20037</u>		
Trip Number:	<u>This is the first trip for this class section/grade level this year.</u>		
Rationale:	<u>This is a grant sponsored trip that will allow students in the AP Government class to meet with government officials in order to better understand how our government works.</u>		
Class/Club/Group:	<u>AP Government and Politics</u>		
Related To:	<u>Social Studies</u>	Classification:	<u>Designated Educational</u>

Timing

Timing:	<u>Overnight Trip</u>	Out of State:	<u>Y</u>
Number of Nights:	<u>3</u>	Over 150 miles:	<u>Y</u>

Transportation

School Departure:	<u>11:30 AM</u>	Venue Arrival:	<u>4:00 PM</u>
Venue Departure:	<u>10:00 AM</u>	School Arrival:	<u>3:00 PM</u>
Mode:	<u>Charter/Coach Bus - Would like 2 bus quotes, one for a drop and pick up the other to stay for the entire trip. please email marc mondry with quotes at mmondry@ebnet.or with initial quotes TY</u>		
Bus Company:	<u>TRIPLE D</u>	Number of Buses:	<u>1</u>

Medical

Nurse:	<u>N</u>	Local Hospital:	<u>George Washington University Hospital 900 23rd St, NW Washington DC 20037 202-715-4000</u>
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Nurse for Trip:

Administrator & Emergency Contact

Administrator	<u>Ellen Christine Spivey</u>	Mobile:	<u>9172388940</u>
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Attendance

Total Attending:	<u>27</u>	Students:	<u>25</u>
Teacher Chaperones:	<u>2</u>	Parent Chaperones:	<u>0</u>

Add'l Chaperones:

How many students are expected to stay behind and be relocated to the Sub-Study Hall for this trip?

0

Costs

Transportation Costs	<u>\$4,800.00</u>	Per Student Price	<u>0</u>
Per Chaperone Price	<u>0</u>	Total Admission Fees	<u>0</u>
Overnight Stipend	<u>\$1,269</u>		
Other Costs	<u>\$5,616 (Housing)</u>		

Source of funding Defrayed by Students: 0
Board Funded: 0
Paid by Chaperone: 0
Other (Specify): \$11,685 (grant)

Total Trip Cost \$11,685

Total Student Cost \$366.72

Source of Funding

☐ Student Activity Fund

☐ Athletics

☐ Budget Code(s):

☒ Other:

Seibel Grant

Additional Information

None

Attachment List (Please See Attached Documents)

[AP IPLE Roster.xlsx](#) (09/05/2025 by Applicant)

[FY 2025 per diem rates for ZIP Code 20037.pdf](#) (09/17/2025 by Applicant)

[AP Government 10.6.25.xlsx](#) (09/17/2025 by Michele Cioffi)

Signatures

09/05/2025: Ellen Spivey - Applicant

09/08/2025: Ebony Dixon Samuels - School Nurse

09/17/2025: Lori Howell - Transportation

09/17/2025: Ellen Spivey - Applicant

09/17/2025: Michele Cioffi - School Secretary

09/17/2025: Glen Pazinko - Principal

09/17/2025: Daniel Moran - Curriculum

09/17/2025: Denise Berardinelli - Central Office

09/17/2025: Joyce Boley - Final Approval

Comments

09/08/2025 **Ebony Dixon Samuels:** EpiPen delegate to attend field trip

ID	Last	First	GR PL
101875	Ayoub	Helen	12
103621	Belede	Saket	12
106530	Cherian	Alexis Roy	12
103738	Ganesh	Dareena	12
109863	Headley	Elyza	12
103715	Kuchuk	Alexander	12
104002	Li	Sean Z	12
103962	Liu	Jason	12
103004	Malkowski	Olivia	12
103869	Mekhail	Kerollos	12
102912	Naik	Eva	12
103730	Narain	Prisha	12
105557	Pandey	Aditya	12
103620	Patel	Dasha	12
110019	Patel	Panav	12
109220	Rayyan	Muhammad	12
108832	Raza	Awaiz	12
103815	Rodriguez	Isabella	12
101876	Sahasrabudhe	Avani	12
103670	Sheth	Keya	12
104693	Upadhyay	Aaditya	12
104119	Walve	Rishabh	12
102885	Youssef	George	12
109975	Yu	April	12
104258	Zaki	Joy	12

Overnight Field Trip Form

Note: This form is a guide and may need to be changed to fit the needs of your trip

DATE of Trip:	10/6-9/2025
NAME of Trip:	IPLE DC Trip

Attendees:	#
Total Students (paying & non-paying)	25
Free/Reduced Lunch Students	0
Advisors/Chaperones/Nurses	2
Total	27

Housing Fees:

	Per Night	# Rooms	Subtotal	# Nights	Total
Quads/Triple	\$ 208.00	7	\$ 1,456.00	3	\$ 4,368.00
Double			\$ -		\$ -
Single			\$ -		\$ -
Teacher/Chaperone/Nurse	\$ 208.00	2	\$ 416.00	3	\$ 1,248.00
Other			\$ -		\$ -
TOTAL:					\$ 5,616.00

Registration Fees:

	Fee	#	Subtotal		Total
Student			\$ -		\$ -
Chaperone/Nurse			\$ -		\$ -
TOTAL:					\$ -

Other Fees:

Fee Type	Fee	#	Subtotal		Total
Delegation fee			\$ -		\$ -
Suite			\$ -		\$ -
			\$ -		\$ -
			\$ -		\$ -
TOTAL:					\$ -

Transportation Fees:

Transportation Type	Fee	#	Subtotal		Total
Bus			\$ 4,800.00		\$ 4,800.00
			\$ -		\$ -
			\$ -		\$ -
			\$ -		\$ -
				TOTAL:	\$ 4,800.00

Stipends:

	Fee	#	Subtotal		Total
Chaperone TH/FRI/SUN	\$ 110.00	6	\$ 660.00		\$ 660.00
Chaperone SAT	\$ 165.00		\$ -		\$ -
Meal (Use link, 75% of 1st/Last day rate for city)	\$ 304.50	2	\$ 609.00		\$ 609.00
Other			\$ -		\$ -
				TOTAL:	\$ 1,269.00

Cost Breakdown:

Total Fees					\$ 11,685.00
School/Board Funded Fees					\$ 2,517.00
Subtotal (Student Fees)					\$ 9,168.00
Number of Paying Students					25
				Total/Paying Pupil	\$ 366.72

SCHOOL/BOARD FUNDED	
STIPEND	\$ 1,269.00
TRANSPORTATION (If applicable)	\$ -
TEACHER HOUSING	\$ 1,248.00
TEACHER/NURSE REG. FEES	\$ -
TOTAL BD. FUNDED	\$ 2,517.00

STIPEND BREAKDOWN		
Fees Per Teacher	Days	Total
\$110 SUN-THURS	6	\$ 660.00
\$165 SAT	0	\$ -
SUBTOTAL:		\$ 660.00

East Brunswick High School

Field Trip

AP Government and Politics

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