



BEVERLY CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION
601 Bentley Avenue
Beverly, New Jersey 08010
www.beverlycityschool.org
REGULAR MEETING

Beverly City School

6:00 PM

May 7, 2026

Beverly City School Library

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

The New Jersey Open Public Meeting 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 or acted upon. In accordance with the provisions of this Act, the Beverly City Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be given by having the date, time, and place faxed to City Hall on Broad Street and advertised in the Burlington County Times in writing on January 15, 2026. A copy was also submitted to the Beverly Post Office.

There will be two opportunities for public input at every Board of Education meeting. The first opportunity, titled "Public Comment on Agenda Items Only," is your opportunity to provide comments to the Board of Education, prior to the Board taking action. This opportunity is only for items that appear on the agenda.

The second opportunity, titled "Public Comment," is your opportunity to provide comments that may be of interest to the educational welfare of the district but is not restricted to agenda items only.

At no time during these public comment periods will the Board allow disparaging remarks about students, district personnel, or members of the Board of Education. In addition, the Board may not allow remarks about specific students or district personnel. If such remarks are made, the Board President will declare the speaker out of order and will request the speaker cease and desist from making such comments. Refusal to do so may result in removal from the Board meeting.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

Anthony Cornatzer	_____	Sequoya Taylor	_____
Barbara Kelly	_____	Richard Wolbert	_____
Susan Roth	_____		

4. President opens meeting



6A:23A-16.10(c)3&4 i-vi and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

B. MOTION: To accept the financial report of the Treasurer of School Monies ending March 2026.

C. MOTION: To approve to authorize the Business Administrator to make transfers within accounts for the month of March 2026.

D. MOTION: To approve the purchase orders in the amount of \$28,802.20 for the month of April 2026.

E. MOTION: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the bills totaling \$467,406.83 for the month of April 2026 to be paid, and the Secretary and the President be hereby authorized and directed to draw orders on the Treasurer for the payment of same.

F. MOTION: To approve the gross payroll wages for the pay period ending March 15, 2026 in the amount of \$224,190.67 and the pay period ending March 30, 2026 in the amount of \$228,593.38 in the total amount of \$452,784.05 for the month of March 2026.

Roll Call

Anthony Cornatzer	_____	Sequoya Taylor	_____
Barbara Kelly	_____	Richard Wolbert	_____
Susan Roth	_____		

FINANCIALS/CONTRACTS:

9. The following action items A through N will be considered under consent agenda. Any item that requires further discussion may be pulled from the consent agenda and acted upon separately.

Public Hearing on the 2026-2027 school budget

A.MOTION: RESOLVED, to adopt the budget for the 2026-2027 school year be adopted in the CURRENT EXPENSE FUND 10 amount of \$11,182,537.00 SPECIAL REVENUE FUND 20 in the amount of \$1,244,212.00 and DEBT SERVICE FUND 40 in the amount of \$90,006.00

FURTHER, be it resolved that \$3,039,015.00 should be raised for the GENERAL FUND and \$90,006.00 should be raised for the DEBT SERVICE FUND for the 2026-2027 school year.



FURTHER, be it resolved that the revenues for the 2026-2027 school year be adopted in the amounts of CURRENT EXPENSE FUND 10 in the amount of \$11,182,537.00 SPECIAL REVENUE FUND 20 in the amount of \$1,244,212.00 and DEBT SERVICE FUND 40 in the amount of \$90,006.00

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Beverly City Board of Education accept Categorical Special Education State Aid of \$635,930.00 Categorical Security Aid of \$166,727.00 Categorical Transportation Aid of \$146,505.00 and Equalization Aid of \$6,562,723.00

WHEREAS, the Beverly City Board of Education recognizes school staff and Board members will incur travel expenses related to and within the scope of their current responsibilities and for travel that promotes the delivery of instruction or furthers the efficient operation of the school district; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.2 et seq. requires Board members to receive approval of these expenses by a majority of the full voting membership of the Board and staff members to receive prior approval of these expenses by the Superintendent of Schools and a majority of the full voting membership of the Board; and

WHEREAS, a Board of Education may establish, for regular district business travel as defined in NJAC 6A:23A-1.2, which includes attendance at regularly scheduled in-State county meetings, Department or Association sponsored events or in-State professional development activities for which the registration fee does not exceed \$150.00 per employee or board member, where prior Board approval shall not be required unless the annual threshold for a staff member exceeds \$1,500.00 in a given school year (July 1 through June 30); and

WHEREAS, travel and related expenses not in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.3 et seq., but deemed by the Board of Education to be necessary and unavoidable as noted on the approved Board of Education Out of District Travel and Reimbursement Forms; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves all travel not in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A: 23A-7.3 et seq. as being necessary and unavoidable as noted on the approved Board of Education Out of District Travel and Reimbursement Forms; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves travel and related expense reimbursements in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A: 23A-7.3, to a maximum expenditure of \$20,000.00 for all staff and board members.

WHEREAS, school district policy #9120 & #0177, NJAC 6A:23A-5.2(b) and NJAC 6A:23A-9.3(c)14 provides that the Board of Education shall establish in the annual school budget a maximum expenditure amount that may be allotted for such public relations and professional services for 2026-2027 School Year.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Beverly City Board of Education hereby establishes the school district public relations and professional services maximum for the 2026-2027 School Year at the sum of:



Professional Services:

Attorney(s):	\$ 30,000.00	_____
Auditor:	\$ 22,000.00	_____
Treasurer of School Monies:	\$ 6,000.00	_____
OT/PT/Speech:	\$ 270,000.00	_____
School Physician:	\$ 6,000.00	_____
Public Relations:	\$ 2,000.00	_____ and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the School Business Administrator shall track and record these costs to insure that the maximum amount is not exceeded.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the supporting documentation of this budget also contains an itemization of certain expenditures required under administrative regulations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the 2026-2027 school budget includes a tax levy cap adjustment of \$114,680.00 health benefits costs. The additional funds will be used to pay for the additional increases in health benefit premiums.

RESOLVED that the 2026-2027 school budget includes a withdrawal from the tuition reserve account in the amount of \$140,000.00 and are required to pay tuition obligations.

B. MOTION: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorize a contract between the Board of Education and NutriServe for Food Service Management for the 2026-2027 school year pending Department of Agriculture approval. The Management Fee for the 2026-2027 school year will be \$24,265.00, a flat fee, in accordance with the specifications and NutriServe's proposal as outlined in the contract. There is no guarantee in the contract. The total cost of the contract is \$257,511.62. In addition, the Board of Education approves Form 23CR for submission to the Department of Agriculture for approval.

C.MOTION: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the Joint Transportation Agreement for Special Education Summer Schools, Special Education Winter Bus Routes and Public, Non Public and Vocational School for the 2026-2027 Year.

D. MOTION: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the authorization to participate in the Sustainable Jersey for Schools Program.

E. MOTION: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve Anthony W. Bonnett as school physician for the 2026-2027 school year in the amount of \$3,000.00 for the school year.

F. MOTION: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve Elevate Health related speech services for the ESY



summer program not to exceed \$3,000.00

G. MOTION: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve Finalsite (formerly Blackboard) for the 2026-2027 school year in the amount of \$1,025.00.

H. MOTION: RESOLUTION, authorizing the President and the Secretary to the Board to execute a Teacher of Music Professional Services contract for an inter-local services agreement between The Board of Education of the Beverly City School District and The Board of Education of Springfield Township.

I. MOTION: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve Dr. Brian Savage as the IPM coordinator for the 2026-2027 school year.

J. MOTION: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the IPM Plan for the 2026-2027 school year.

K. MOTION: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the agreement between Monmouth-Ocean Educational Services Commission (MOESC) and the Beverly City Board of Education to enter into Cooperative Pricing for the 2026-2027 school year.

L. MOTION: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve Integrity Interpreting, LLC for the 2026-2027 school year, see attachment for the hourly rates on an as needed basis.

M. MOTION: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the ESU Professional Services Agreement for 2026-2027 school year fee schedule (see attachment).

N. MOTION: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Resolution Urging Relief from Rising Public School Employee Health-Care Costs

WHEREAS, At a time of continued fiscal uncertainty and mounting challenges, local boards of education from across the state of New Jersey continue to suffer under the growing crisis posed by the rising cost of health benefits and are desperate for relief; and

WHEREAS, Despite record levels of state investments in public education, these school districts are facing fiscal pressures similar to those confronting the state budget, including the unsustainable growth in health-care premiums and the mounting insolvency of the state's public employees health benefits programs; and

WHEREAS, Both within the School Employees' Health Benefits Program (SEHBP) and the private market, year-over-year double-digit increases are placing tremendous strain on district budgets and local taxpayers alike; and

WHEREAS, Governor Sherrill and legislative leadership have publicly acknowledged the urgent need to address rising health-care costs and the challenges facing the state's health benefits plans, including both the state and local portions of the State Health Benefits Program and the SEHBP; and

WHEREAS, The seriousness of this issue is underscored by the mid-year SEHBP analysis released by the Treasury Department in March 2026, which concluded that "based on these projected losses and building in future trends, active premium rate increases for 2027 are likely to be in the double digits;" and

WHEREAS, These projected increases would follow the 31.9 percent premium increase that took effect in January 2026, further exacerbating an overall premium increase of nearly 74 percent in the preceding five years; and

WHEREAS, This growth in health-care costs far exceeds inflation, state aid increases and the fiscal capacity of local communities; and



WHEREAS, Rising health-care premiums are consuming an ever-larger portion of already constrained school district budgets, forcing difficult decisions that directly affect students, staff and educational quality; and

WHEREAS, These cost pressures also have significant consequences for taxpayers, as districts are often compelled to utilize the full extent of their available tax levy, even after which many districts remain unable to fully offset these increases due to the constraints of the property tax levy cap, despite the limited health-care exception; and

WHEREAS, For the families and students these districts serve, the downstream consequences — including district deficits, program cuts and school closures — mean the loss of community stability, continuity of services, and in many cases, access to the specialized supports that our most vulnerable students depend on; and

WHEREAS, These are also precisely the conditions that erode student achievement and weaken the family engagement that is central to strengthening New Jersey's public schools; and

WHEREAS, Implementing real, sustainable solutions to the rising cost of health benefits and reforming how benefits are delivered through the SEHBP would demonstrate the Governor's and Legislature's leadership and continued commitment to New Jersey's students, educators and families, which directly advances our shared goal of affordability and effective, efficient government for all New Jerseyans.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Beverly City Board of Education in the county of Burlington calls upon the Governor and State Legislature to provide immediate, short-term relief from the unsustainable increased health-care costs experienced by school districts in recent years; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Beverly City Board of Education in the county of Burlington urges the Governor to engage in meaningful engagement with all affected stakeholders to develop and implement practical long-term reforms to the state's system of delivering health care to its public employees in order to generate meaningful, long-term savings; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Mikie Sherrill, State Treasurer Aaron Binder, Senate President Nicholas Scutari, Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin, State Senator Troy Singleton, Assemblywoman Carol A. Murphy, Assemblyman Balvir Singh and the New Jersey School Boards Association.

Roll Call

Anthony Cornatzer	_____	Sequoya Taylor	_____
Barbara Kelly	_____	Richard Wolbert	_____
Susan Roth	_____		

PERSONNEL:

10. The following action items A through N will be considered under consent agenda. Any item that requires further discussion may be pulled from the consent agenda and acted upon separately.

A. MOTION: To approve the Extended School Year (ESY) Summer School Staff:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the following staff for the Extended School Year (ESY) Summer



School at a rate of \$50.00 an hour for a teacher/nurse and \$25.00 an hour as a Paraprofessional:

- Karen Spratt – Teacher
- Patricia McGinley – Teacher
- Alison Kane – Teacher
- Lois Harmon – Teacher
- Kenya Marshall – Paraprofessional
- Carrie Dougherty – Paraprofessional
- Natasha Carr – Paraprofessional
- Jaelynn Hernandez – Paraprofessional
- Marcy Field – Paraprofessional
- Lillian Latimer – Paraprofessional
- Raeleyne Moniz – Paraprofessional
- ESU – Speech Therapist
- Health Reserves - Occupational Therapist
- Alexa Piplos – Nurse (Pro-Med)
- Donna Groves – Substitute
- Melissa Shaw – Substitute
- Moszenae Monroe – Substitute
- Charlee Hannah – Substitute

B. MOTION: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve Bert Jordan, for custodial summer work, as needed.

C. MOTION: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the Custodial Summer work on an “as needed” basis.

D. MOTION: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve summer hours for Alyssa de la Pena, School Nurse, up to 10 days.

E. MOTION: BE IT RESOLVED, to employ the following non-tenured teaching and district personnel for the Beverly City Schools for the 2026-2027 school year.

Pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:27-4.1 and N.J.S.A. 18A:27-10, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, renew the employment contracts of the following personnel for the 2026-2027 school year:

NAME	ASSIGNMENT	TENURE DATE
Ashley Benson	Teacher	9/2/2027
Angela Buggs	Teacher	9/2/2026
Conor Dempster	Teacher	1/2/2027
Larita Farmer	Teacher	9/2/2027
Yajaira Gil	Teacher	9/2/2029



Jodi Hyatt	Teacher	9/2/2027
Alison Kane	Teacher	3/23/2030
Amelia Martin	Teacher	9/2/2029
Patricia McGinley	Teacher	9/2/2028
Andrew Mersel	Teacher	9/2/2028
Samantha Riley	Teacher	9/2/2028
Kelly Safranek	Teacher	9/2/2028
Rachel Seay	Teacher	9/2/2029
Jessica Shaw	Teacher	3/4/2029
Melissa Shaw	Teacher	9/2/2026
Sharon Tatninov	Teacher	9/2/2028
Misty Weiss	Teacher	9/2/2028
Peyton Whittington	Teacher	9/2/2026
Chloe Van Syckel	Teacher	9/2/2029
Dana Young	Teacher	9/2/2027

F. MOTION: To approve the Paraprofessionals for the 2026-2027 School Year:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the following Paraprofessionals for the 2026-2027 school year:

NAME	ASSIGNMENT
Gabrielle Andrade	Paraprofessional
Natasha Carr	Paraprofessional
Edward Carragher	Paraprofessional
Madison Cini	Paraprofessional
Carrie Dougherty	Paraprofessional
Marcella Field	Registered Behavior Technician (RBT)
Hafize Firat	Paraprofessional



Carla Garcia	Paraprofessional
Samah George	Paraprofessional
JoAnn Harmon	Paraprofessional
Jaelynn Hernandez	Paraprofessional
Catron Holland	Paraprofessional
Lillian Latimer	Paraprofessional
Kenya Marshall	Registered Behavior Technician (RBT)
Sherry Merrill	Paraprofessional
Kelsey Meyer	Paraprofessional
Roseline Minhas	Paraprofessional
Raeleyne Moniz	Paraprofessional
Cheyenne Peart	Paraprofessional
Katelyn Seay	Paraprofessional

G. MOTION: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve Summer Band conducted by Travis Knauss, effective July 6, 2026 through July 30, 2026, Monday through Thursday, in the amount of \$50.00 per hour.

H. MOTION: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve homebound instruction for 1 student, up to 10 hours a week, at the rate of \$40.00 per hour.

I. MOTION: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve Charlee Hannah to conduct homebound instruction for 1 student up to 10 hours a week in the amount of \$40.00 per hour retroactive April 20, 2026.

J. MOTION: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the resignation of Elizabeth Rosario, paraprofessional, effective March 27, 2026.

K. MOTION: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve Lauren Rudowski, teacher, at the salary of \$84,056.00, MA Step #18, effective September 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

L. MOTION: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the resignation of Kirstie Casper, teacher, effective June 17, 2026.

M. MOTION: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve Carla Garcia, Paraprofessional, at the rate of \$21.42 per hour, Step #11, retroactive April 27, 2026 through June 30, 2026.



N. MOTION: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve Scott Soltoff, Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA), at the salary of \$90,000.00, effective September 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

Roll Call

Anthony Cornatzer	_____	Sequoya Taylor	_____
Barbara Kelly	_____	Richard Wolbert	_____
Susan Roth	_____		

CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION:

11. The following action items A through F will be considered under consent agenda. Any item that requires further discussion may be pulled from the consent agenda and acted upon separately.

A. MOTION: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the Corrective Action Plan (CAP) for Addressing Chronic Absenteeism.

B. MOTION: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve Renaissance quote in the total amount of \$9,925.20 for the 2026-2027 school year.

C. MOTION: BE IT REDSOLVED, MOTION: BE IT REDSOLVED, that the Board of Education approve to accept the application for review and approval of the Preschool Education Aid (PEA) 2026-2027 grant including the budget narrative, district enrollment and planning workbook in the amount of \$988,500. In addition, approve the projected PreK enrollment for 2026-2027 school year.

D. MOTION: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the REVISED 2025-2026 school year calendar.

E. MOTION: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the 2026-2027 school year calendar.

F. MOTION: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the summer hours of Monday through Thursday, beginning the week of June 22, 2026 (first Friday off June 26, 2026) and ending the week of August 24, 2026 (last Friday off August 28th).

Roll Call

Anthony Cornatzer	_____	Sequoya Taylor	_____
Barbara Kelly	_____	Richard Wolbert	_____
Susan Roth	_____		



FIELD TRIP:

12. The following action items A and B will be considered under consent agenda. Any item that requires further discussion may be pulled from the consent agenda and acted upon separately.

A. MOTION: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the 8th grade field trip to Six Flags Great Adventure located at 1 Six Flags Blvd., Jackson, NJ 08529, on June 10, 2026, 36 students, 6 chaperones, in the total amount of \$2,389.58, busing will be provided by the district.

B. MOTION: BE IT RESOLVD, that the Board of Education approve the NJ Teen Arts Festival (State) located at Middlesex College on June 2, 2026, 2 students, 2 chaperones, in the total amount of \$100.00, transportation will be provided by the district.

Roll Call

Anthony Cornatzer	_____	Sequoya Taylor	_____
Barbara Kelly	_____	Richard Wolbert	_____
Susan Roth	_____		

13. Old Business – Budget 2026-2027

14. New Business

15. Superintendent's Report:

A. Enrollment Report

B. Attendance Report

C. Nurse's Report

D. Discipline Report:

Total Suspensions: 1

E. Drills:

- Fire Drill: March 10, 2026 – 10:11 AM – 2 minutes 56 seconds
- Evacuation Drill: March 31, 2026
- Evacuation Drill: April 13, 2026
- Fire Drill: April 23, 2026 – 9:10 AM – 3 minutes 57 seconds



MOTION: Executive Session Resolution:

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 allows for a Public Body to go into closed session during a Public Meeting, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Beverly City School District has deemed it necessary to go into closed session to discuss certain matters which are exempted from the Public; and

WHEREAS, the regular meeting of this Board of Education will reconvene at the conclusion of closed session, at approximately _____ p.m. this evening.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Beverly City School District will go into closed session for the following reason(s) as outlined in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12:

_____ Any matter involving the employment, appointment, termination of employment, terms and conditions of employment, evaluation of the performance, promotion or disciplining 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 (Subject to the balancing of the public's interest and the employee's privacy rights under South Jersey Publishing, 124 N.J. 478, the employee(s) and nature of discussion is:

A. H.I.B. Case #3

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby declares that its discussion of the aforementioned subject(s) may be made public at a time when the Board Attorney advises the Board of Education that the disclosure of the discussion will not detrimentally affect any right, interest or duty of the School District or any other entity with respect to said discussion.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education, for the aforementioned reasons, hereby declares that the public is excluded from the portion of the meeting during which the above discussion shall take place and hereby directs the Board Secretary to take the appropriate action to effectuate the terms of this resolution.

Roll Call

Anthony Cornatzer	_____	Sequoya Taylor	_____
Barbara Kelly	_____	Richard Wolbert	_____
Susan Roth	_____		

F. H.I.B. Incidents:

1 incidents reported: _____ was confirmed bullying, _____ determined to be non-HIB related or non-actionable HIB, and _____ inconclusive.



Roll Call

Anthony Comatzer	_____	Sequoya Taylor	_____
Barbara Kelly	_____	Richard Wolbert	_____
Susan Roth	_____		

16. Correspondence

17. Board Comments

18. Public Comments

19. Adjournment

Roll Call

Anthony Comatzer	_____	Sequoya Taylor	_____
Barbara Kelly	_____	Richard Wolbert	_____
Susan Roth	_____		