

WARREN COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION
1500 ROUTE 57 ~ WASHINGTON, NJ 07882
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
April 20, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

President Austin will call the meeting to order at 4:59 p.m. on Monday, April 20, 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
X Dr. Mlecz

Adopt the Meeting Agenda

Resolution 16319-26: Adopt the Meeting Agenda

On the motion of Mr. McDonough, seconded by Dr. Mlecz, RESOLVED, that this Board adopts the Meeting Agenda for the April 20, 2026, meeting as published with any addenda.

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

Motion Carried: Yes

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

On the motion of Mr. McDonough, seconded by Dr. Mlecz, the Board moved into executive session at 5:00 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:
 - Budget
 - Personnel
- 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: 4 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 1

Motion Carried: Yes

Resolution E768-26: Resume Regular Session

On the motion of Mr. McDonough, seconded by Dr. Mlecz, the Board reconvened into regular session at 5:34 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**

- Health and Wellness Field Day is on May 1st at 6 p.m. This is the second time WCTS is hosting the Health and Wellness Field Day. We will have an early dismissal on May 1st, so the county can set up the event.
- Attended the Educator of the Year lunch on Friday with Kristen Sarte and Chad Feilbach. Congrats to Ms. Sartre and Mr. Fielbach.

● **HIB REPORT/SUSPENSIONS**

- Zero (0) HIB since the previous Board Meeting
- Zero (0) Out-of-School Suspensions since the previous Board Meeting
- Two (2) In-School Suspensions since the previous Board Meeting

● **BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

● **STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE**

- Cece Colaluce
 - Key Club
 - 18 students recently attended DCON- everyone had a wonderful time
 - They planted flowers around the school on April 14th
 - The 26-27 officer elections are coming up
 - Breast Cancer walk is Saturday, May 16th, from 10 am to 2 pm, proceeds go to Evolve Pink
 - Student Government
 - Take your child to work day is coming up
 - Field day is coming up
 - Theater
 - Theater production, Working, kicked off this past weekend. Two more performances are coming up- April 24th and April 26th
 - MAC
 - Burrito Night brought in \$850 for the Fischer House Foundation

● **DISCUSS EDUCATIONAL TOPICS**

- Students' Of The Marking Period
 - Luella Visone - Culinary
 - Freshman Culinary Student **Luella Visone** has been named the **Career Student of the Marking Period** for Marking Period 3. Luella is a dedicated student in the Culinary Arts program. While taking on a demanding schedule of honors-level classes, she excels while balancing rigorous coursework with participation in multiple activities. Luella thrives in her Culinary career program and was nominated for the award by her Culinary teacher, Mr. Lilly. Mr. Lilly noted that Luella shines not only as a student but also as a member of the Military Appreciation Club, where she supported Project Homeless Connect. Beyond her impressive academic achievements and extracurricular commitments, Luella actively volunteers in her community. Her enthusiasm for learning, willingness to help her peers, and proactive participation in culinary and community events make her deserving of this recognition.
 - Colin Smith - Academics

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- Junior **Colin Smith** has been honored as our **Academic Student of the Marking Period**. Nominated by his English instructor, Ms. Johnson, Colin has exemplified hard work and perseverance in his English Language Arts class. Even when faced with challenges or difficult material, he approaches each task with a positive attitude and a determination to succeed. Colin is a positive influence, always respectful and eager to try new strategies to achieve his goals. His dedication is reflected in his remarkable progress, and he is known for his ability to work well in group settings, where he is supportive of his peers.

● **NEW BUSINESS**

MINUTES

Resolution 16320-26: Approve Board Meeting Minutes Listed Below

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

Resolution 16321-26: Approve March 18, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes

Resolution 16322-26: Approve March 18, 2026, Regular Meeting Executive Session Minutes

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

Motion Carried: Yes

Resolution 16321-26: Approve March 18, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes

On the motion of _____, seconded by _____, RESOLVED, that this Board approves the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 18, 2026.

Resolution 16322-26: Approve March 18, 2026, Regular Meeting Executive Session Minutes

On the motion of _____, seconded by _____, RESOLVED, that this Board approves the Regular Meeting Executive Session Minutes of March 18, 2026.

FINANCE & FACILITIES

Resolution 16323-26: Approve Finance & Facilities Resolutions as Listed Below

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

Resolution 16324-26: Receive, Accept, and Approve March 2026 Financial Reports

Resolution 16325-26: Board of Education's Monthly Certification of Major Account/Fund Status

Resolution 16326-26: Approve Payment of Bills for March 2026

Resolution 16327-26: Approve Transfers for March 2026

Resolution 16328-26: Adopt a Final Budget for the 2026-2027 School Year

Resolution 16329-26: Approve Contract Renewal of Maschio's Food Service Inc

Resolution 16330-26: Approve Breakfast and Lunch Prices for the 2026-2027 School Year

Resolution 16331-26: Accept Bid 26-01 Welding Equipment/Supplies

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Motion Carried: Yes

Austin X Lamonte Abstain 16328 Leahy Absent McDonough X Mleczyk X

Resolution 16324-26: Receive, Accept, and Approve March 2026 Financial Reports

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On the motion of _____, seconded by _____, RESOLVED, that the March 2026 financial reports of the Secretary and Treasurer be received, accepted, and approved.

Exhibit: F1

Resolution 16325-26: **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 February 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 16326-26: **Approve Payment of Bills for March 2026**

On the motion of _____, seconded by _____, RESOLVED, that this Board approves the payment of bills as shown on the attached Bills List for March, 2026, in the amount of \$1,904,077.91.

Exhibit: F2

Resolution 16327-26: **Approve Transfers for March 2026**

On the motion of _____, seconded by _____, RESOLVED, that this Board approves transfers for March 2026.

Exhibit: F3

Resolution 16328-26: **Adopt a Final Budget for the 2026-2027 School Year**

On the motion of _____, seconded by _____, RESOLVED, that this board adopts the following budget for the 2026-2027 school and approves submission to the NJ Department of Education:

County Tax Levy	\$ 4,820,127
Other Local Sources	\$ 1,660,574
Revenues From State Sources	\$ 3,290,895
Withdraw from Capital Reserve	\$ 1,000,000
Withdraw From Maintenance Reserve	\$ 0
Budgeted Fund Balance	\$ 400,000
Local Grants	\$ 2,700
Federal Grants	\$ 284,971
Total Revenue	\$11,459,267

AND said tentative budget was advertised in the Star-Ledger and on the WCTS website in accordance with the form suggested by the New Jersey Department of Education and according to law;

AND, a public hearing on the budget for the 2026-2027 school year was held at the Wayne Dumont Jr. Administrative Building on Route 519 in White Twp. on March 25, 2026, at 5:00 PM.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education include in the budget a capital reserve withdrawal in the amount of \$1,000,000 for:

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Partial Roof Replacement, Generator Replacement, and Exhaust Fan Installation

Exhibit: Budget

Resolution 16329-26: **Approve Contract Renewal of Maschio's Food Service Inc**

On the motion of _____, seconded by _____ RESOLVED, that this Board approves the contract renewal of Maschio's Food Service Inc. to provide food service for the 2026-2027 school year.

Yearly Management Fee \$12,296.86

Cost Reimbursement

No Guarantee

Total Cost of the Contract \$209,291.54

Resolution 16330-26: **Approve Breakfast and Lunch Prices for the 2026-2027 School Year**

On the motion of _____, seconded by _____, RESOLVED, that this Board approves the following breakfast and lunch prices for the 2026-2027 school year:

Student Breakfast	\$3.50
Adult Breakfast	\$4.00
Student Lunch	\$5.00
Adult Lunch	\$5.50

Resolution 16331-26: **Accept Bid 26-01 Welding Equipment/Supplies**

On the motion of _____, seconded by _____, RESOLVED, that this Board approves awarding the bid to Airgas for Welding Equipment/Supplies.

Bid: 26-01 Welding Equipment/Supplies

CoPilot with Auto Deltaweld 350 System with Touch Sensing \$78,620.59

Total Bid- \$78,620.59

Exhibit: F4

PERSONNEL

Resolution 16332-26: **Approve Personnel Resolutions as Listed Below**

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

Resolution 16333-26: **Approve the Reduction in Force for Employee #1167**

Resolution 16334-26: **Approve an Unpaid Day for Employee #1192**

Resolution 16335-26: **Approve Ray Danner for The Pitch Count WTEA Stipend Position**

Resolution 16336-26: **Approve Preston Lee and Nicolas Kirchner to Work on the School Play**

Resolution 16337-26: **Approve the Job Descriptions for Varsity Coach and Assistant Coach**

Resolution 16338-26: **Approve Resignation of Tery Gochmononsky, Maintenance**

Resolution 16339-26: **Approve Kaleb Swift as a Part-Time Maintenance Personnel**

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Resolution 16340-26: **Approve Hunterdon Preparatory School for Culinary Observation**

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Motion Carried: Yes

Austin X Lamonte X Leahy Absent McDonough X Mlecz X

Resolution 16333-26: **Approve the Reduction in Force for Employee #1167**

On the motion of _____, seconded by _____, RESOLVED, that this Board approves a Reduction in Force for Employee #1167.

Resolution 16334-26: **Approve an Unpaid Day for Employee #1192**

On the motion of _____, seconded by _____, RESOLVED that this Board approves an unpaid leave day for employee #1192.

Resolution 16335-26: **Approve Ray Danner for The Pitch Count WTEA Stipend Position**

On the motion of _____, seconded by _____, RESOLVED that this Board approves Ray Danner for the WTEA stipend position of Pitch Count for the 2025-2026 School Year.

Resolution 16336-26: **Approve Preston Lee and Nicolas Kirchner to Work on the School Play**

On the motion of _____, seconded by _____, RESOLVED that this Board approves Preston Lee and Nicolas Kirchner to work on th Drama Clubs play as pit orchestra personnel for the 2025-2026 school year.

Resolution 16337-26: **Approve the Job Descriptions for Varsity Coach and Assistant Coach**

On the motion of _____, seconded by _____, RESOLVED that this Board approves the job descriptions for VarsityCoach and Assistant Coach positions.

Exhibit: A&B

Resolution 16338-26: **Approve Resignation of Tery Gochmononsky, Maintenance**

On the motion of _____, seconded by _____, RESOLVED that this Board approves the resignation of Terry Gochmonosky, Maintenance personnel, effective March 19, 2026.

Resolution 16339-26: **Approve Kaleb Swift, Student, as a Part-Time Maintenance Personnel**

On the motion of _____, seconded by _____, RESOLVED that this Board approves Kaleb Swift, WCTech student, as a part-time maintenance personnel at an hourly rate of \$20.00 for the 2025-2026 school year effective April 20, 2026.

Resolution 16340-26: **Approve Hunterdon Preparatory School for Culinary Observation**

On the motion of _____, seconded by _____, RESOLVED that this Board approves 10 students and 2 chaperones from Hunterdon Preparatory School to observe the culinary program on May 26, 2026.

TRAVEL

Resolution 16341-26: **Approve the Following Professional Development Days as Listed Below**

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

DATE	STAFF MEMBER	TRIP DETAILS	COST
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3 27 2026	R. Gara	SLUHN Co-op Gathering with Votech Partners	\$26.32
5 13 2026	R. Gara, S. Lance K. Wene C. Feilbach	Eastern Atlantic States Carpenter Training CTR, Edison, NJ	\$599.06 Perkins
06-2 to 5-2026	D. Williams	NJASBO Annual Conference, Atlantic City	\$1,225.94

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Motion Carried: Yes

Austin X Lamonte Abstain Leahy Absent McDonough X Mlecz X

EDUCATIONAL

Resolution 16342-26: Approve the Educational Resolutions as Listed Below

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

Resolution 16343-26: Approve the 2025-2026 School Calendar Changes as Listed Below

Resolution 16344-26: Approve Memorandum of Understanding with Rutgers University

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Motion Carried: Yes

Austin X Lamonte X Leahy Absent McDonough X Mlecz X

Resolution 16343-26: Approve the 2025-2026 School Calendar Changes as Listed Below

On the motion of _____, seconded by _____, RESOLVED, that this Board approves the 2025-2026 School Calendar changes as listed below:

- The 2 unused emergency closing days scheduled for May 15 and June 15 will be changed to School Closed on June 12 and June 15, making Graduation on Thursday, June 11, 2026.
- Early dismissal on May 1, 2026, for the Annual County-Wide Health and Wellness Field Day event.

Resolution 16344-26: Approve 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: C

ADDENDUM ITEMS

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Any topic not discussed earlier.

Policy #0167- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN BOARD MEETINGS

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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.

Mr. and Mrs. Fleming expressed their concerns with current ELA curriculum. They sent a formal letter to the board and would appreciate a formal response from the board.

Dr. Austin responded that the board did receive their letter and will respond once the time is right, as of right now, the board does not have a comment on the letter.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourn the Meeting

On the motion of Dr. Mlecz, seconded by Mr. McDonough, the Board adjourned the meeting at ____ p.m.

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

Motion Carried: Yes

Upcoming Dates of Interest:

May 20, 2026	BOE Meeting
May 25, 2026	School Closed for Memorial Day
June 11, 2026	Graduation
June 17, 2026	BOE Meeting