

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF THE BOROUGH OF INTERLAKEN
REGULAR MEETING**

**February 16, 2026, 6:00 PM
Minutes**

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Cohen called the February 16, 2026, meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

SUNSHINE NOTICE:

In accordance with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act, I wish to announce that:

“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 meeting of bodies at which any business affecting their interests is discussed or acted upon. Adequate notice of this Meeting of the Board of Education of the Borough of Interlaken was published in the Asbury Park Press and was delivered to the Municipal Clerk, Borough of Interlaken, in accordance with PL 1975, Ch. 231A.”

ROLL CALL:

● Mr. Bickart	Yes___X___	No_____
● Ms. Koar	Yes___X___	No_____
● Mr. Cohen	Yes___X___	No_____

2.0 FLAG SALUTE

Administer Oath of Office

The Board Secretary will administer the Oath of Office to the newly appointed Board members:

➤ Andrew Novicsky

3.0 COMMUNICATIONS - *None*

4.0 OLD BUSINESS - *None*

5.0 NEW BUSINESS

- Interview - Board of Education Member
- Budget - 2026-2027

6.0 APPROVE MINUTES

It was motioned by Ms. Koar, seconded by Mr. Bickart to approve the following minutes:

January 5, 2026

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| ● Mr. Bickart | Yes___X___ | No_____ |
| ● Ms. Koar | Yes___X___ | No_____ |
| ● Mr. Novicsky | Yes___X___ | No_____ |
| ● Mr. Cohen | Yes___X___ | No_____ |

7.0 RESOLUTIONS

- A. It was motioned by Mr. Cohen, seconded by Mr. Bickart to approve the following Bill list:

Bill List - February 16, 2026

General Fund - \$373,562.40

December 31, 2026 Payroll - \$2,196.60

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| ● Mr. Bickart | Yes___X___ | No_____ |
| ● Ms. Koar | Yes___X___ | No_____ |
| ● Mr. Novicsky | Yes___X___ | No_____ |
| ● Mr. Cohen | Yes___X___ | No_____ |

B. Financial Reports

It was motioned by Ms. Koar, seconded by Mr. Novicsky to approve the following financial reports:

Report of the Board Secretary/Treasurer Dated:

- November 30, 2025
- December 31, 2025

That the listed budget transfer(s) be authorized in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:22-8.1 as attached:

Monthly Budgetary Line-Item Status Certification: Be it resolved that the Board Secretary for the Board of Education of the Borough of Interlaken certifies that, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c)(3), as of November 30, 2025 and December 31, 2025, that no line item account has encumbrances and expenditures, which in total exceed the line item appropriate in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(a); and

Be it further resolved, that the Board of Education of the Borough of Interlaken certifies that, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c)(4), after review of the Board Secretary's monthly financial report and upon consultation with the appropriate District official that to the best of its knowledge no major account or fund has been over-expended and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the year.

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| ● Mr. Bickart | Yes___X___ | No_____ |
| ● Ms. Koar | Yes___X___ | No_____ |
| ● Mr. Novicsky | Yes___X___ | No_____ |
| ● Mr. Cohen | Yes___X___ | No_____ |

C. Acceptance of a Resignation

It was motioned by Mr. Bickart, seconded by Mr. Novicsky to approve the following:

Recommend Board acceptance of a resignation letter from Dr. Linda Abrams, effective January 6, 2026.

Mr. Bickart	Yes <u> X </u>	No <u> </u>
Ms. Koar	Yes <u> X </u>	No <u> </u>
Mr. Novicsky	Yes <u> X </u>	No <u> </u>
Mr. Cohen	Yes <u> X </u>	No <u> </u>

D. Resolution of Appreciation

It was motioned by Ms. Koar, seconded by Mr. Bickart to approve the following financial reports:

WHEREAS, Dr. Linda Abrams has served as a valued member of the Interlaken Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, during this time, Dr. Linda Abrams demonstrated unwavering commitment to the students, families, staff, and community of the district; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Linda Abrams has contributed thoughtful leadership, sound judgment, and a steadfast dedication to advancing the district's mission of providing a high-quality education for all students; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Interlaken Board of Education hereby expresses its sincere gratitude and appreciation to Dr. Linda Abrams for her years of exemplary service; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board extends its best wishes for continued success and fulfillment in all future endeavors.

● Mr. Bickart	Yes <u> X </u>	No <u> </u>
● Ms. Koar	Yes <u> X </u>	No <u> </u>
● Mr. Novicsky	Yes <u> X </u>	No <u> </u>
● Mr. Cohen	Yes <u> X </u>	No <u> </u>

8.0 PUBLIC COMMENT - *None*

9.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION - *None*

10.0 ADJOURNMENT

It was motioned by Mr. Bickart, seconded by Mr. Novicsky to adjourn the meeting at 6:18 PM.

● Mr. Bickart	Yes <u> X </u>	No <u> </u>
● Ms. Koar	Yes <u> X </u>	No <u> </u>
● Mr. Novicsky	Yes <u> X </u>	No <u> </u>
● Mr. Cohen	Yes <u> X </u>	No <u> </u>