

CLOSTER BOARD OF EDUCATION
Closter, New Jersey

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
Tenakill Middle School
April 25, 2019
7:30 PM

The Board Meeting was called to order by President Lambert at 7:30 PM.

The following board members were present:

Ms. S. Lee, Ms. Finkelstein, Ms. Bhagat, Ms. Micera,
Ms. Kwon, Mr. Lambert

The following board members were absent:

Ms. S.M. Lee, Mr. Linn and Ms. Kothari

Also present: Ms. Newberry and Mr. Villanueva

NEW JERSEY OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT STATEMENT - Read by the President:

The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act was enacted to ensure the right of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meeting of public bodies at which any business affecting their interests is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the provisions of this Act, the Secretary to the Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting by having the date, time, and place thereof, posted at each school building within the district, the Board of Education office, the Office of the Borough Clerk, and transmitted to *The Record* and *Northern Valley Suburbanite* newspapers.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Lambert

PRINCIPALS' REPORTS

Mr. Tantum briefed the Board members and the public on Tenakill MS's activities and events:

- Curricular/Program Updates - Gr. 6 Elective/World Language meeting was held; ESL Parent Meeting May 2; District Advisory Workshop May 9; NJSLA Testing continues May 13-17
- Upcoming Events - Arbor Day - will be planting a Copper Beech Tree; Gr. 8 Washington DC trip next week; Spring Concert May 8; Band Festival Trip May 10; Art Show at the Closter Public Library May 16-26; Addicts in Recovery to speak to students May 16

MINUTES

Moved by Ms. Micera, seconded by Ms. S. Lee, to approve the following minutes.
Motion was carried by voice vote of the Board:
April 11, 2019 Work Session

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Moved by Ms. Micera, seconded by Ms. Finkelstein to open the meeting to the public.

There were no public comments

Moved by Ms. Micera seconded by Ms. Kwon to resume the regular order of business.

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION COMMITTEE

Chairperson Ms. Sung Min Lee, Ms. Bhagat, Mr. Linn

Moved by Ms. Bhagat, seconded by Ms. Micera to approve Motions A-D. Motions were approved by a roll call vote of the Board as follows:

YEAS: Ms. S. Lee, Ms. Finkelstein, Ms. Bhagat, Ms. Micera,
Ms. Kwon, Mr. Lambert

NAYS: none

- A. Motion to approve the following courses for 2019-2020 as recommended to the Superintendent by the Principals:

Staff Member: Kate Maher
Course No./Title: SPED 6210 Physiological Basis of Learning Disabilities
Institution: William Paterson University
Credits: 3 graduate

- B. Motion to approve the following field trips:

School: Hillside ES
Group: Gr. 1 classes: Ms. Bajakian, Ms. Carpenter, Ms. Pleus,
Ms. Esposito
Month: May 2019
Destination: Closter Nature Center
Location: Closter, NJ

School: Hillside ES
Group: Gr. 2 classes: Ms. Alpern, Ms. Brown/(Ms. Bachmann),
Ms. Collins, Ms. Kennedy, Ms. Levy, Ms. Pantaleo
Month: May 2019

Destination: Closter Nature Center
Location: Closter, NJ

School: Hillside ES
Group: Kindergarten classes: Ms. Ramm, Ms. Engle, Ms. Corio,
Ms. Levine, Ms. Lotito, Ms. Heibel, Ms. Dippolito
Month: June 2019
Destination: Closter Nature Center
Location: Closter, NJ

C. Motion to approve the following staff conferences:

Staff Member/s: Courtney Carmichael
Conference: International Society for Technology in Education
2019 Conference - Presenter
Location: Philadelphia, PA
Date: June 25, 2019
Cost to Board: Registration fees \$250; transportation \$74.81
TOTAL: \$324.81

D. Motion to approve the following staff conferences for 2019-2020:

Staff Member/s: Regina Pesce
Conference: Neuropsychological Evaluation, Diagnosis and Treatment of
Dyslexia and Related Learning Disorders
Location: FDU- Teaneck, NJ
Date: July 23, 2019
Cost to Board: Registration fees \$75

FINANCE AND PHYSICAL PLANT COMMITTEE

Chairperson Ms. Kothari, Ms. Kwon, Ms. Stephanie Lee

Moved by Ms. Kwon, seconded by Ms. Micera to approve Motions A & B. Motions were approved by a roll call vote of the Board as follows:

YEAS: Ms. S. Lee, Ms. Finkelstein, Ms. Bhagat, Ms. Micera,
Ms. Kwon, Mr. Lambert

NAYS: none

- A. Motion to approve the following items as required, pursuant to NJSA 18A:17-9 and NJAC 6:20-2.13:
- Board Secretary and School Treasurer Financial Reports for March 2019.
 - Board of Education's Monthly Certification of Budgetary Major Account /Fund status for March 2019.

- c. Transfer of funds for March 2019 as per Appendix A attached.
- B. Motion to approve payment of bills from April 12, 2019 to April 23, 2019 in the amount of:

General Fund (Fund 10)	\$99,721.90
Special Revenue (Fund 20)	\$ 0.00
<u>Enterprise (Milk – Fund 60)</u>	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
TOTAL	\$99,721.90

PERSONNEL AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Chairperson Ms. Finkelstein, Ms. Micera, Mr. Lambert

Moved by Ms. Bhagat, seconded by Ms. Micera to approve Motions A-G. Motions were approved by a roll call vote of the Board as follows:

YEAS: Ms. S. Lee, Ms. Finkelstein, Ms. Bhagat, Ms. Micera,
Ms. Kwon, Mr. Lambert

NAYS: none

- A. Motion to approve, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, the hiring of Ms. Lauren Mandal, Tenakill MS art teacher, at a salary of \$67,087, BA Step 9, for school year 2019-2020.
- B. Motion to approve an increase in daily hours for Ms. Jiyeon (Janice) Kim, Hillside ES Pre-K Special Education paraprofessional, from 4.5 hours/day to 5.75 hours/day, effective April 24, 2019, for school year 2018-2019.
- C. Motion to approve an increase in daily hours for Ms. Jessica Sein, Hillside ES Pre-K Special Education paraprofessional, from 4.0 hours/day to 5.75 hours/day, effective April 22, 2019, for school year 2018-2019.
- D. Motion to approve an increase in daily hours for Mr. Ralph Kirchner, Hillside ES Special Education paraprofessional, from 3.5 hrs/day to 4.0 hours/day, effective April 12, 2019, for school year 2018-2019.
- E. Motion to approve home instruction for Gr. 5 student for 10 hours/week, beginning April 26, 2019 through end of school year; Ms. Karen Caruso approved as home instructor at \$50/hour.
- F. Motion to approve second reading and adoption of the following Closter Board of Education policy and regulation:

Policy #5141.4 Missing, Abused and Neglected Children
Regulation #5141.4 Missing, Abused and Neglected Children

- G. Motion to approve Michael Wowkun as chaperone on the Washington DC trip, May 1, 2 and 3, 2019.

BOARD COMMITTEES

- Curriculum Committee:
 - LGBTQ Work
 - Personal Finance Literacy
 - Tenakill Electives
 - Study Skills
 - Potential Meet & Greet with the new Superintendent

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Moved by Ms. Micera, seconded by Ms. Finkelstein to open the meeting to public discussion.

- Mr. Klika spoke to the board regarding his request for additional sick days in anticipation of his shoulder surgery..
- Mr. Lambert expressed his sympathy to Mr. Klika and advised him that the board will discuss his request during the closed session.

Moved by Ms. Micera, seconded by Ms. Finkelstein to close the meeting to public discussion.

CLOSED SESSION MOTION (If required)

Moved by Ms. Kwon, seconded by Ms. Micera to approve the following Closed Session Motion. Motion was carried by a voice vote of the Board:

YEAS: Ms. S. Lee, Ms. Finkelstein, Ms. Bhagat, Ms. Micera,
Ms. Kwon, Mr. Lambert
NAYS: none

BE IT RESOLVED that the Closter Board of Education will adjourn to a Closed Session to discuss the following:

Personnel

The matters so discussed will be disclosed to the public as soon as and to the extent that such disclosure can be made without adversely affecting the public.

The Board went into Closed Session at 7:58 PM.
The Board reconvened from Closed Session at 8:34 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Ms. Micera, seconded by Ms. Kwon to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Floro M. Villanueva, Jr.
Business Administrator/School Board Secretary