

CLOSTER BOARD OF EDUCATION

Closter, New Jersey

AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING

Tenakill Middle School

August 20, 2025 - 7:30 PM

Call to order: _____ @ _____ P.M.

<i>Roll Call:</i>	Ms. Argenziano	_____
	Mr. Choi	_____
	Ms. Estrems	_____
	Ms. Lee	_____
	Ms. Li	_____
	Ms. Micera	_____
	Mr. Shih	_____
	Mr. Paldi	_____
	Ms. Finkelstein	_____

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, district website, the Board of Education office, the Office of the Borough Clerk, and transmitted to *The Record* and *Northern Valley Suburbanite* newspapers.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRINCIPALS' REPORTS

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Presentation: ACCESS for ELLs Assessment Data from 2024-2025

BOARD COMMITTEES

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

Moved by _____, seconded by _____ to open the meeting to the public.

Statements made by individual participants are limited to a duration of three (3) minutes unless otherwise announced at the beginning of the discussion. A maximum of 15 minutes for public input is scheduled as per bylaw 0167. The Board urges large groups to select one person to represent them. The Board reminds those individuals who take the opportunity to speak to please step up, identify themselves by name and address, and to limit their comments to items listed on the agenda.

Moved by _____, seconded by _____ to resume the regular order of business.

BOARD OPERATIONS

Moved by _____, seconded by _____ to approve Motion A.

Motion was _____ by a roll call vote of the Board as follows:

YEAS:

NAYS:

A. APPROVAL - Board of Education Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the August 6, 2025, Board of Education meeting minutes.

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION COMMITTEE

Chairperson: Ms. Finkelstein; Members: Ms. Argenziano, Ms. Lee

Moved by _____, seconded by _____ to approve Motion A.

Motions were _____ by a roll call vote of the Board as follows:

YEAS:

NAYS:

A. APPROVAL - Staff Conferences

Motion to approve the following staff conferences for the 2025-2026 school year:

Staff Member(s):	Vincenzo Salvati
Conference:	NJ Association of School Technology Officials Meeting
Location:	TBD
Date:	10/7/25, 11/12/25, 12/2/25, 1/7/26, 2/3/26, 3/4/26, 4/7/26, 5/6/26, 6/2/26
Cost to Board:	\$150.00 (Approximate transportation)

Staff Member(s): Jennifer Levy
Conference: Restorative Justice in Schools
Location: Virtual
Date: 10/7/25
Cost to Board: \$0

Staff Member(s): Callie Stabile
Conference: Bergen County Technical Schools - Counselor Information Session
Location: Paramus, NJ
Date: 9/9/25
Cost to Board: \$8.84 (Transportation)

FINANCE AND PHYSICAL PLANT COMMITTEE

Chairperson: Mr. Choi; Members: Ms. Estrems, Ms. Finkelstein

Moved by _____, seconded by _____ to approve Motions A - D.

Motions were _____ by a roll call vote of the Board as follows:

YEAS:

NAYS:

A. APPROVAL - Payment of Bills

Motion to approve the payment of bills from August 1, 2025, to August 20, 2025, in the amount of:

General Fund (Fund 10)	\$ 923,565.22
Special Revenue (Fund 20)	\$ 2,746.45
Enterprise (Milk – Fund 60)	\$ 228.60
Capital Fund (Fund 30)	\$ 540.00
Debt Service (Fund 40)	\$ 350,475.00
Total	\$1,277,555.27

B. **APPROVAL – Application & Acceptance of ESEA Grant**

Motion to approve the application and acceptance of ESEA grant for School Year 2025-2026 in the following amounts:

<u>ESEA Total</u>	<u>\$ 92,750</u>	
Title I A	\$ 48,809	
Title II A**	\$ 18,373	** Through a consortium
Title III**	\$ 15,568	
Title IV **	\$ 10,000	

C. **APPROVAL - Disposal of Picnic Bench at Hillside Elementary School**

Motion to approve the disposal of a picnic bench at HES, fixed asset tag #10400.

D. **APPROVAL - Five-Year Contract with Perry Weather Inc. for Software and Outdoor Warning System**

Motion to approve a five-year contract with Perry Weather Inc. for the Software + Outdoor Warning System, in conjunction with the Closter Borough, at an annual cost of \$2,450, plus a one-time set-up fee of \$450.

PERSONNEL AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Chairperson: Mr. Paldi; Member: Mr. Shih

Moved by _____, seconded by _____ to approve Motions A - I.

Motions were _____ by a roll call vote of the Board as follows:

YEAS:

NAYS:

A. **APPROVAL - Appointment of Elizabeth Schiefer as Paraprofessional for the 2025-2026 School Year**

Motion to approve the appointment of Elizabeth Schiefer as paraprofessional for the 2025-2026 school year at a salary of \$21.59 per hour, 5.75 hours per week, with a start date of September 2, 2025, pending a criminal history background check.

B. **APPROVAL - Appointment of Emma Kajayan as Paraprofessional for the 2025-2026 School Year**

Motion to approve the appointment of Emma Kajayan as paraprofessional for the 2025-2026 school year at a salary of \$21.59 per hour, 5.75 hours per week, with a start date of September 2, 2025, pending a criminal history background check.

C. **APPROVAL - Rescindment of Appointment - Maria Perez as Paraprofessional**

Motion to rescind the appointment of Maria Perez as Hillside School Paraprofessional for the 2025-2026 school year.

D. **APPROVAL - Resignation of Eliana Moreano as Paraprofessional**

Motion to accept the resignation of Eliana Moreano as Hillside School Paraprofessional, effective August 8, 2025.

E. **APPROVAL - Home Instruction for 2025-2026**

Motion to approve the following teachers for home instruction for the 2025-2026 school year, at a rate of \$50 per hour, on an as-needed basis:

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|--------------------|-----------------|
| • Erika Dunn | • Ornit Katzin |
| • Gabriella Garcia | • Alyssa Levy |
| • Charlene Gerbig | • Grace Park |
| • Catherine Gibney | • Chelsea Smith |
| • Josephine Hunt | |

F. **APPROVAL - Ramapo College Clinical Intern Placement**

Motion to approve Joshua Schaffer, Ramapo College clinical intern, to conduct required fieldwork and classroom observation in Mr. Neblung's classroom at Tenakill Middle School for the 2025-2026 school year, pending a criminal history background check.

G. **APPROVAL - Substitute Teachers/Paraprofessionals/Custodians**

Motion to approve the following substitute teachers/paraprofessionals/custodians for the 2025-2026 school Year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Certification</u>
Michelle Theos	Substitute Certification
Sean Mullany	Substitute Custodian
Julissa Agramonte	Substitute Certification
Julianna Betsy	Substitute Certification

H. **APPROVAL - Hillside Elementary School Loop Duty Staff**

Motion to approve the following staff for loop duty at Hillside Elementary School at a rate of \$23.77 per session:

- Allison Esposito
- Charlene Gerbig
- Alyssa Levy
- Claire Pidi
- Kristin Talty

Substitutes

- Judith Eller
- Diane Ferraro
- Brielle Tacconi

I. **APPROVAL - Tenakill Middle School Harrington Avenue Supervision Staff**

Motion to approve the following staff for Harrington Avenue Supervision at Tenakill Middle School at a rate of \$23.77 per session:

- Jennifer Annese
- Michelle Durocher
- Ornit Katzin
- Olivia Nikol
- Brittany Travisano
- Michael Wowkun

POLICY COMMITTEE

Chairperson: Ms. Micera; Member: Ms. Li

Moved by _____, seconded by _____ to approve Motion A.

Motion was _____ by a roll call vote of the Board as follows:

YEAS:

NAYS:

A. **APPROVAL - Second Reading of Policies**

Motion to approve the second reading of the following policies shown as Appendix A:

- Policy 3216 Dress and Grooming
- Policy 4216 Dress and Grooming

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Moved by _____, seconded by _____ to open the meeting for public comments.

Moved by _____, seconded by _____ to close the meeting to public comments.

CLOSED SESSION MOTION (If required)

Moved by _____, seconded by _____ to approve the following Closed Session Motion. Motion was _____ by a voice vote of the Board:

YEAS:

NAYS:

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

HIB

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 _____ PM.

The Board reconvened from Closed Session at _____ PM.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by _____, seconded by _____ to adjourn the meeting at _____ PM.