

CLOSTER BOARD OF EDUCATION

Closter, New Jersey

AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING

Tenakill Middle School

August 23, 2023 - 7:30 PM

Call to order: _____ @ _____ *P.M.*

Roll Call:

Ms. Fanelli	_____
Ms. Kwon	_____
Ms. Li	_____
Ms. Micera	_____
Dr. Puttannah	_____
Ms. Wagner	_____
Ms. Yeoh	_____
Ms. Salamea-Cross	_____
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

Access for ELLS Report

BOARD COMMITTEES

PUBLIC DISCUSSION 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 - Minutes**

Motion to approve the August 9, 2023, minutes.

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION COMMITTEE

Chairperson: Dr. Puttannah; Members: Ms. Finkelstein, Ms. Wagner, Ms. Yeoh

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

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

YEAS:

NAYS:

A. **APPROVAL - Re-Adoption of NVCC Curriculum Guides**

Motion to approve for the 2023-2024 school year the re-adoption of all NVCC Curriculum Guides (Comprehensive Health, Computer Science Design Thinking, English, ESL, Library/Media, Mathematics, Physical Education, Science, Social Studies, Visual & Performing Arts, and World Languages).

B. **APPROVAL - Staff Coursework**

Motion to approve the following courses for 2023-2024 as recommended to the Superintendent by the Principals:

Staff Member:	Gila Rachlin
Course No./Title:	ED 501-5417: Gestalt Language Processing
Institution:	Therapy Advance Courses - Colorado State University Pueblo
Credits:	3

Staff Member: Min Jeong Kim
Course No./Title: Inspire STEM Learning
Institution: Fresno Pacific University
Credits: 3

Staff Member: Lauren Abbey
Course No./Title: 1) EDUC-952 Grit: Power of Passion and Perseverance (2 credits)
2) EDUC-928 Whole Student Education for Social Emotional Learning
Institution: Fresno Pacific University
Credits: 5 (3 credits and 2 credits)

Staff Member: Maci DeCarlo
Course No./Title: 1) Issues and Techniques in Research Evaluation
2) Advanced Seminar in Childhood Assessment
Institution: Fairleigh Dickinson University
Credits: 6 (3 credits each)

C. **APPROVAL - Staff Conferences**

Motion to approve the following staff conferences:

Staff Member(s): Dianne Smith
Conference: Case Study of the Majory Stoneman Douglas H.S. Shooting
Location: Bergen Community College
Date: 9/28/23
Cost to Board: \$0

Staff Member(s): Dianne Smith & William Tantum
Conference: NVPA Meetings
Location: NVCC, Demarest
Date: Various Dates Throughout 2023-2024 School Year
Cost to Board: \$0

Staff Member(s): Lori Cohen & Keith McElroy
Conference: NV Curriculum Leaders
Location: NVCC, Demarest
Date: 9/27, 10/18 and 11/17/23
Cost to Board: \$0

Staff Member(s): Dianne Smith, William Tantum, and Vincent McHale
Conference: SNAP Conference
Location: Garfield, NJ
Date: 10/19/23
Cost to Board: \$0

FINANCE AND PHYSICAL PLANT COMMITTEE

Chairperson: Ms. Kwon; Members: Ms. Finkelstein, Ms. Yeoh

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 - Monthly Financials and Certification

Motion to approve the following items as required, pursuant to NJSA 18A:17-9 and NJAC 6:20-2.13, as per Appendix A attached:

- a. Board Secretary and School Treasurer Financial Reports for June 30, 2023.
- b. Board of Education’s Monthly Certification of Budgetary Major Account /Fund status for June 30, 2023.
- c. Transfer of funds for June 30, 2023.

B. APPROVAL - Monthly Bills

Motion to approve payment of bills from August 9, 2023 to August 23, 2023, in the amount of:

General Fund (Fund 10)	\$320,279.23
Special Revenue (Fund 20)	\$ 92,584.85
Enterprise (Milk – Fund 60)	\$ 3,172.50
Total	\$416,036.58

C. APPROVAL – Special Education Placements

Motion to approve the following 2023-2024 Special Education placements for Closter Students:

<i>NJSMART#</i>	<i>Tuition</i>	<i>Grade</i>	<i>Placement</i>
4521677259	\$53,615.75	3	Valley TIP

D. APPROVAL - Bergen County Special Services - Service Agreement for Instruction at New Bridge Medical Center, Paramus

Motion to approve the Bergen County Special Services - Service Agreement for Hospital Instruction at New Bridge Medical Center, Paramus, at a rate of \$65.00 per hour for 2023-2024 school year on an as-needed basis.

E. APPROVAL - Into Reading Program Coaching and Professional Services

Motion to approve the Into Reading Program Coaching and Professional Services for Hillside Elementary School from Houghton Mifflin Harcourt in the amount of \$8,550, for SY 2023-2024.

F. **APPROVAL - Purchase and Installation of Strobes for Hillside Elementary School**
 Motion to approve the purchase and installation of strobes for Hillside Elementary School from Eastern Datacomm, in the amount of \$8,360.00, through the ESCNJ Emergency Notification System Bid #ESCNJ 22/23-09. The purchase is funded by the Closter PTO.

G. **APPROVAL - Addition of Vincent McHale as Bank Accounts Signatory**
 Motion to approve the addition of Vincent McHale as an authorized signatory of the district’s Net Payroll , Payroll Agency, Student Activity - Hillside, Student Activity - Tenakill, Petty Cash - Hillside, and Petty Cash - Tenakill bank accounts.

H. **APPROVAL - Amendment of the American Rescue Plan Grant**
 Motion to approve the submission of an amendment of the American Rescue Plan - ESSER Grant to fund the professional development program in Hillside Elementary School:

Account	Expenditure Category	Original	Amendment	Available in SY 23-24
100-100	Salaries	\$ 351,345.00	\$ 309,312.00	\$ 117,244.00
200-100	Support Salaries	\$ 107,177.00	\$ 107,177.00	\$ -
200-200	Benefits	\$ 83,852.00	\$ 83,852.00	\$ -
200-300	Prof and Tech Services	\$ 159,500.00	\$ 203,500.00	\$ 67,300.00
400-720	Building	\$ 63,922.00	\$ 61,955.00	\$ -
		\$ 765,796.00	\$ 765,796.00	\$ 184,544.00

I. **APPROVAL – Application & Acceptance of NJ Learning Acceleration Program: High Impact Tutoring Grant**
 Motion to approve the application and acceptance of the NJ Learning Acceleration Program: High-Impact Tutoring Grant for School Year 2023-2024 for maximum funding amount of \$76,000.

PERSONNEL AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Chairperson: Ms. Salamea-Cross; Members: Ms. Fanelli, Ms. Finkelstein, Ms. Micera

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

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

YEAS:

NAYS:

A. **APPROVAL - Title I Salary**
 Motion to approve, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the payment of a portion of the salary for Ellen Monaghan, BSI Teacher at Tenakill Middle school, from Title I funds as follows:

20-231-100-100-060-00-0	\$ 64,650 (56.4%)
11-230-100-101-060-01-0	\$ 50,075 (43.6%)

- B. **APPROVAL - SY 2023-2024 Paraprofessionals' Hours**
Motion to approve, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the appointment of Paraprofessionals for the 2023-2024 School Year, attached hereto as Appendix B.
- C. **APPROVAL - Bass ABA Therapists for Student ID #8695772379**
Motion to approve Andre Cabrera and Teresa Hill, and backup therapist Allison Gangadeen* (*pending criminal history background check), parent-paid Bass ABA Therapists for Student ID #8695772379 for the 2023-2024 school year.
- D. **APPROVAL - Hillside Elementary School Loop Duty Staff**
Motion to approve the following staff for loop duty at Hillside Elementary School at a rate of \$22.40 per session:
- Alyssa Levy
 - Allison Esposito
 - Charlene Gerbig
 - Claire Pidi
 - Kristin Talty
- Substitutes*
- Judy Eller
 - Diane Ferraro
 - Brielle Tacconi
- E. **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 \$22.40 per session:
- Michelle Durocher
 - Brittany Steele
 - Jeffrey Roem
 - Michael Wowkun
- F. **APPROVAL - Gretta Berman as G&T/Special Education Long-Term Leave Replacement**
Motion to approve Gretta Berman as Long-Term Leave Replacement - G&T/Special Education Teacher (J.S.), from September 1, 2023 - November 6, 2023. Salary will be \$200 per day on days 1 through 10; the beginning of day 11, \$73,000, MA+60 Step 0, prorated, with a start date of September 1, 2023, pending a criminal history background check.
- G. **APPROVAL - Resignation of Noah Panagia, Hillside School Paraprofessional**
Motion to accept, with regrets, the resignation of Noah Panagia, HES Paraprofessional, effective June 30, 2023.

POLICY COMMITTEE

Chairperson: Ms. Fanelli; Members: Ms. Finkelstein, Ms. Li, Ms. Micera

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

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

YEAS:

NAYS:

A. APPROVAL - First Reading of Policies and Regulations (One New & One Updated)

Motion to approve the first reading of the following Policies and Regulations, as per Appendix C:

- New - Policy and Regulation #1642.01 - Sick Leave
- Update - Policy and Regulation #2419 - School Threat Assessment Teams

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

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

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

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:

(If required)

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.