

CLOSTER BOARD OF EDUCATION

Closter, New Jersey

MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING

Tenakill Middle School

December 19, 2022 - 6:00 PM

The Board meeting was called to order by Ms. Finkelstein at 6:01 PM

The following Board members were present:

Ms. Fanelli, Ms. Kothari, Ms. Kwon (arrived 6:03 PM), Ms. Micera, Dr. Puttannah (arrived 6:11 PM), Ms. Wagner, Ms. Salamea-Cross, Ms. Finkelstein

The following Board members were absent:

Ms. Yeoh

Also present:

Mr. Fogarty (Board Attorney), Mr. McHale 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, remote access information, 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

CLOSED SESSION MOTION

Moved by Ms. Wagner, seconded by Ms. Micera to approve the following Closed Session Motion. Motion was approved by a roll call vote of the Board as follows:

YEAS: Ms. Fanelli, Ms. Kothari, Ms. Kwon, Ms. Micera, Dr. Puttannah, Ms. Wagner,
Ms. Salamea-Cross, Ms. Finkelstein

NAYS: None

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

HIB-Legal Matters

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 6:04 PM.
The Board reconvened from Closed Session at 8:01 PM.

PUBLIC SESSION:

At the advice of the Board Attorney, and the Superintendent of Schools, the trustees will take action on whether to affirm or reverse the decision of the Superintendent of Schools regarding the HIB Incident TMS-2223-01.

A. Moved by Ms. Micera, seconded by Ms. Wagner

APPROVAL - Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying (HIB) Student ID 271126

BE IT RESOLVED that the Closter Board of Education (hereinafter referred to as the "Board") hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Case TMS-2223-01, which was the subject of an appeal hearing before the Board on December 19, 2022, and directs the Board Secretary to transmit a copy of the Board's decision to the affected students' parents forthwith.

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

YEAS: Ms. Fanelli, Ms. Kwon, Ms. Kothari, Ms. Micera, Dr. Puttanniah, Ms. Wagner,
Ms. Salamea-Cross, Ms. Finkelstein
NAYS: None

B. Moved by Ms. Micera, seconded by Ms. Salamea-Cross

APPROVAL - Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying (HIB) Student ID 271200

BE IT RESOLVED that the Closter Board of Education (hereinafter referred to as the "Board") hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Case TMS-2223-01, which was the subject of an appeal hearing before the Board on December 19, 2022, and directs the Board Secretary to transmit a copy of the Board's decision to the affected students' parents forthwith.

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

YEAS: Ms. Fanelli, Ms. Kwon, Ms. Kothari, Ms. Micera, Dr. Puttanniah, Ms. Wagner,
Ms. Salamea-Cross, Ms. Finkelstein
NAYS: None

C. Moved by Ms. Micera, seconded by Ms. Salamea-Cross

APPROVAL - Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying (HIB) Student ID 271102

BE IT RESOLVED that the Closter Board of Education (hereinafter referred to as the "Board") hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Case TMS-2223-01, and directs the Board Secretary to transmit a copy of the Board's decision to the affected students' parents forthwith.

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

YEAS: Ms. Fanelli, Ms. Kwon, Ms. Kothari, Ms. Micera, Dr. Puttannah, Ms. Wagner,
Ms. Salamea-Cross, Ms. Finkelstein

NAYS: None

D. Moved by Ms. Micera, seconded by Ms. Kwon

APPROVAL - Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying (HIB) Student ID 271149

BE IT RESOLVED that the Closter Board of Education (hereinafter referred to as the "Board") hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Case TMS-2223-01, and directs the Board Secretary to transmit a copy of the Board's decision to the affected students' parents forthwith.

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

YEAS: Ms. Fanelli, Ms. Kwon, Ms. Kothari, Ms. Micera, Dr. Puttannah, Ms. Wagner,
Ms. Salamea-Cross, Ms. Finkelstein

NAYS: None

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Ms. Micera, seconded by Ms. Salamea-Cross to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



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