

CLOSTER BOARD OF EDUCATION

Closter, New Jersey

AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING

Tenakill Middle School

February 17, 2022 - 7:30 PM

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

Roll Call:

Ms. Fanelli	_____
Ms. Kothari	_____
Ms. Kwon	_____
Ms. Micera	_____
Dr. Puttannah	_____
Ms. Wagner	_____
Ms. Yeoh	_____
Ms. 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, 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

PRINCIPALS' REPORTS

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

BOARD COMMITTEES

Finance and Physical Plant - Long Range Facilities Plan Update

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 & B.

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

YEAS:

NAYS:

A. **APPROVAL - Minutes**

Motion to approve February 3, 2022, minutes.

B. **APPROVAL - Revision of Section E of Closter Public Schools’ Plan for Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Service**

Motion to approve the following revision of Closter Public Schools’ Plan for Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Service pursuant to the Federal American Rescue Plan Act, Section 2001(i):

- **Section E**

Quarantine will be required for students, teachers, and staff who might have been exposed to COVID-19. Close contacts, identified through contact tracing, should quarantine unless they are fully vaccinated, or have tested positive in the last 3 months, and do not have any symptoms. Students, teachers, and staff who are in quarantine should stay home and follow the direction of the local public health department about when it is safe for them to be around others. If a child with a disability is required to quarantine, the school is required to provide services consistent with federal disability laws. Closter Public Schools will comply with all updated directions and guidelines for contact tracing that will be provided by the New Jersey Department of Education and the New Jersey Department of Health for the 2021-2022 school year.

CHANGE TO:

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disability is required to quarantine, the school is required to provide services consistent with federal disability laws. Quarantine shall not be required solely due to travel outside of the State of New Jersey. Closter Public Schools will comply as reasonably practicable with additional directions and guidelines for contact tracing that will be provided by the New Jersey Department of Education and the New Jersey Department of Health for the 2021-2022 school year.

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION COMMITTEE

Chairperson Dr. Puttannah, 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 - Staff Coursework

Motion to approve the following courses for 2021-2022 as recommended to the Superintendent by the Principals:

Staff Member: Leigh Bomzer
Course No./Title: 1) EDU 920 Using Literature to Teach Math
2) EDU 919 Women in Math and Science
Institution: Fresno Pacific University
Credits: 6 credits total (3 credits per class)

Staff Member: Allison Esposito
Course No./Title: 1) EDUC 713K The Differentiated Classroom
2) EDUC 7130 Building Classroom Discipline
3) EDUC 713J Motivating Students Who Don't Care
Institution: University of LaVerne
Credits: 9 credits total (3 credits per class)

Staff Member: Elhaam Manoochehri
Course No./Title: EDUC 42260 Focused Interventions to Improve Executive Function Skills
Institution: UC San Diego
Credits: 3.5

Staff Member: Jamie Morgan
Course No./Title: 1) EDUC 7120 Bullying
2) EDUC 7127 Understanding Autism
3) EDUC 710B I'm So Stressed I Could Scream
Institution: University of LaVerne
Credits: 9 credits total (3 credits per class)

B. **APPROVAL - Staff Conferences**

Motion to approve the following staff conferences:

Staff Member(s): Alyssa Levy, Regina Pesce and Lori Scalera
Conference: Constructing Reading Comprehension
Location: NJSHA (Virtual)
Date: 3/9/22 and 3/16/22
Cost to Board: \$270.00 (\$90.00 per participant)

Staff Member(s): Courtney Carmichael, William Tantum
Conference: A New Place: Civics 2022
Location: Montclair State University
Date: 3/10/22
Cost to Board: \$0

Staff Member(s): Ralph Chappell
Conference: 1) Integrated Pest Management
2) Indoor Air Quality Training
Location: Bergen County Fire & Law Academy
Date: 2/18/22 and 5/6/22
Cost to Board: \$0

Staff Member(s): Ralph Chappell
Conference: 2022 NJSBGA Conference Expo
Location: Harrahs Hotel & Conference Center, Atlantic City, NJ
Date: 3/21/22 - 3/23/22
Cost to Board: \$740.02 (includes registration, transportation, hotel and meals)

C. **APPROVAL - 3-Year ESL Plan for School Years 2021-2024**

Motion to approve the 3-Year ESL Plan for School Years 2021-2024 as per Appendix A.

FINANCE AND PHYSICAL PLANT COMMITTEE

Chairperson Ms. Kwon, Ms. Finkelstein, Ms. Kothari, 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 - 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 B attached:

- a. Board Secretary and School Treasurer Financial Reports for January 2022.
- b. Board of Education’s Monthly Certification of Budgetary Major Account /Fund status for January 2022.
- c. Transfer of funds for January 2022.

B. APPROVAL - Monthly Bills

Motion to approve payment of bills from February 4, 2022 to February 15, 2022, in the amount of:

General Fund (Fund 10)	\$897,734.37
Special Revenue (Fund 20)	\$ 22,302.02
Total	\$920,036.39

C. APPROVAL - Purchase of Classroom Sound System

Motion to approve the purchase of 66 (36 for HES, 30 for TMS) Avermedia Classroom Sound System from Troxell Communications in the amount of \$37,620 through the NJ State Contract #17-FOOD-00244 and Ed-Data Contract NJ0267.

PERSONNEL AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Chairperson Ms. Cross, Ms. Fanelli, Ms. Finkelstein

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

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

YEAS:

NAYS:

A. APPROVAL - Retirement of Audrey Friel

Motion to approve, with regrets, the retirement of Audrey Friel, Tenakill School Teacher, as of April 1, 2022.

B. **APPROVAL - Retirement of Joan Romo**

Motion to approve, with regrets, the retirement of Joan Romo, School Psychologist, as of July 1, 2022.

C. **APPROVAL - Ricardo Guerra-Licera as Hillside Paraprofessional**

Motion to approve Ricardo Guerra-Licera as Hillside School Paraprofessional for the 2021-2022 school year, 5.75 hours per day, at a salary of \$19.23 per hour, pending criminal history background check.

D. **APPROVAL - Learners Compass BCBA for Student ID #371001**

Motion to approve Deirdre Moon, Learners Compass BCBA (parent paid), for Student ID #371001 for the 2021-2022 school year.

E. **APPROVAL - Leave of Absence Extension - Laurie Rochlin**

Motion to approve extension of long-term leave of absence for Laurie Rochlin, using 33.5 sick days and 0.5 personal day, with an anticipated return date of April 25, 2022.

F. **APPROVAL - Extension of Long-Term Leave Replacement - Katharine Arena**

Motion to approve extension of Laurie Rochlin's Long-Term Leave Replacement, Katharine Arena, through April 25, 2022.

G. **APPROVAL - Substitute Paraprofessional**

Motion to approve Michele Novelli as substitute paraprofessional for the 2021-2022 school year.

POLICY COMMITTEE

Chairperson Ms. Micera, Ms. Fanelli, Ms. Finkelstein, Ms. Kothari

Moved by _____, seconded by _____ to approve Motions A & B.

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

YEAS:

NAYS:

A. **APPROVAL - First Reading of Revised Policy #3270**

Motion to approve the first reading of the following **revised** policy, as per Appendix C:

- 3270 Professional Responsibilities

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

Motion to approve the second reading of the following policies, as per Appendix D:

- 2415.05 Student Surveys, Analysis, Evaluations, Examinations, Testing or Treatment

- 2431.4 Prevention and Treatment of Sports-Related Concussions and Head Injuries
- 2622 Student Assessment
- 3233 Political Activities
- 5541 Anti-Hazing
- 7540 Joint Use of Facilities
- 8465 Bias Crimes and Bias-Related Acts
- 9560 Administration of School Surveys

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:

**Residency Hearing
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 _____ PM.

The Board reconvened from Closed Session at _____ PM.

ADJOURNMENT

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