

CLOSTER BOARD OF EDUCATION

Closter, New Jersey

AGENDA

WORK SESSION MEETING

Tenakill Middle School

February 3, 2022 - 7:30 PM

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

Roll Call:

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| 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

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

BOARD DISCUSSION ON NJDOH GUIDELINES FOR COVID-19

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 Motions A and B.

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

YEAS:

NAYS:

A. **APPROVAL - Minutes**

Motion to approve January 20, 2022 minutes.

B. **APPROVAL - School Calendar for 2022-2023 School Year**

Motion to approve the school calendar for the 2022-2023 school year as per Appendix A.

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION COMMITTEE

Chairperson Dr. Puttannah, Ms. Finkelstein, Ms. Wagner, Ms. Yeoh

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 - Staff Coursework**

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

| | |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Staff Member: | Sarah Kang |
| Course No./Title: | 15:253:522:92 Learning Disabilities |
| Institution: | Rutgers |
| Credits: | 3 |
| Staff Member: | Andrea Watkins |

Course No./Title: 6880.81 Teaching Vocabulary to Students with Learning Disabilities
Institution: Fairleigh Dickinson University
Credits: 1

Staff Member: Meghan Pleus
Course No./Title: EDUC 718W Implementing Social & Emotional Learning in the Classroom
Institution: University of LaVerne
Credits: 3

B. **APPROVAL - Staff Conferences**

Motion to approve the following staff conferences:

Staff Member(s): Karen Volpitto
Conference: Frontline Recruiting & Hiring Webinars
Location: Virtual
Date: 3/2/22 - 4/20/22 (2 hours per week)
Cost to Board: \$695.00

FINANCE AND PHYSICAL PLANT COMMITTEE

Chairperson Ms. Kwon, Ms. Finkelstein, Ms. Kothari, 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 Bills**

Motion to approve payment of bills from January 19th, 2022 to January 31, 2022, in the amount of:

| | |
|---------------------------|--------------|
| General Fund (Fund 10) | \$679,751.41 |
| Special Revenue (Fund 20) | \$ 11,528.66 |
| Total | \$691,280.07 |

B. **APPROVAL - Monthly Bills**

Motion to approve payment of bills from February 1, 2022 to February 3, 2022, in the amount of:

| | |
|-----------------------------|--------------|
| General Fund (Fund 10) | \$164,497.40 |
| Special Revenue (Fund 20) | \$ 1,180.86 |
| Enterprise (Milk – Fund 60) | \$ 522.02 |
| Total | \$166,200.28 |

C. **APPROVAL - Staff Remuneration**

Motion to approve remuneration to staff members as follows:

Staff Member: Leigh Bomzer
Course: Common Core Math Practices & Fostering Math Discussions
College/University: Fresno Pacific University
Remuneration: \$905.00

D. **APPROVAL - Security Cameras - Tenakill Middle School**

Motion to approve the purchase and installation of six security cameras from Eastern Datacomm in the amount of \$15,807.75 through the Ed Services Commission of NJ Emergency Notification System Bid #18/19-16.

E. **APPROVAL - Security Cameras - Hillside Elementary School**

Motion to approve the purchase and installation of seven security cameras from Eastern Datacomm in the amount of \$17,649.00 through the Ed Services Commission of NJ Emergency Notification System Bid #18/19-16.

F. **APPROVAL - Classroom Desks**

Motion to approve the purchase of 30 classroom desks (for various classrooms throughout the district) in the amount of \$7,917 from School Specialty through the Ed Data Services Bergen Bid 9917.

G. **APPROVAL - HES Art Room Furniture**

Motion to approve the purchase of various art room furniture from Nickerson New Jersey Inc., in the amount of \$19,686.39 through the Ed Data Services Commission of NJ Furniture and Accessories Bid #20/21-01.

H. **APPROVAL - HES STEM Lab Furniture**

Motion to approve the purchase of various STEM lab furniture from Nickerson New Jersey Inc., in the amount of \$21,935.70 through the Ed Data Services Commission of NJ Furniture and Accessories Bid #20/21-01.

I. **APPROVAL - Submission of Waiver of Requirements (SEMI Program)**

Whereas, NJAC 6A:23A-5.3 provides that a school district may request a waiver of compliance with respect to the district's participation in the Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Program for the 2022-2023 school year; and

Whereas, the Closter Board of Education desires to apply for this waiver because it projects having fewer than 40 Medicaid eligible classified students and participation in SEMI would not provide a cost benefit to the district based on the projection of the district's available SEMI reimbursement for the 2022-2023 budget year;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Closter Board of Education hereby authorizes the Chief School Administrator to submit to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools in the County of Bergen an appropriate waiver of the requirements of NJAC 6A:23A-5.3 for the 2022-2023 school year.

PERSONNEL AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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

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 - Leave of Absence Change of Date**

Motion to approve the change of date for unpaid leave of absence (date change from January 24, 2022, to January 31, 2022) for Naynaben Dhorajia, Tenakill Middle School paraprofessional; with an anticipated return date of March 28, 2022.

B. **APPROVAL - Substitute Teachers**

Motion to approve the following substitute teachers for the 2021-2022 school Year:

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Certification</u> |
|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| Krista Stokes-Caglar | NJ Substitute Certification |
| Debra Fein | NJ Substitute Certification |

C. **APPROVAL - Learners Compass Therapist for Student ID #371001**

Motion to approve Elyssa Martino, Learners Compass (parent paid), for Student ID #371001 for the 2021-2022 school year (pending archival of fingerprints).

D. **APPROVAL - Extension for Unpaid LOA (FMLA) for Dara Weiss**

Motion to approve extension for an unpaid leave of absence using FMLA for Dara Weiss until February 15, 2022. Anticipated date of return is February 16, 2022.

POLICY COMMITTEE

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

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

Motion to approve the first reading of the following policies, as per attached Appendix B.

- 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

BOARD COMMITTEES

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:

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.