

CLOSTER BOARD OF EDUCATION

Closter, New Jersey

AGENDA

WORK SESSION MEETING

Tenakill Middle School

February 4, 2021 - 7:30 PM

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

Roll Call:

Ms. Bhagat	_____
Ms. Kothari	_____
Ms. Kwon	_____
Ms. Lee	_____
Mr. Linn	_____
Ms. Micera	_____
Ms. Puttannah	_____
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

PRESENTATION OF SY 2019-2020 AUDIT REPORT

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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 policy 1120. 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 January 21, 2021 minutes.

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION COMMITTEE

Chairperson Ms. Lee, Ms. Puttannah

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

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

YEAS:

NAYS:

A. **APPROVAL - Staff Conferences**

Motion to approve the following staff conferences:

Staff Member(s): Jennifer Annese, Ashley Buckley, Eileen Kennedy, Alyssa Levy
Regina Pesce, Lori Scalera

Conference: Wait...What? Supporting Students with Verbal Working Memory
Limitations NJIDA & NJSHA 29th Conference

Location: Virtual

Date: March 3 and March 10, 2021

Cost to Board: \$690.00 (\$115 per person)

Staff Member(s): Margaret Churchill

Conference: NJTESOL/NJBE Spring Conference

Location: Virtual
 Date: May 25-27, 2021
 Cost to Board: \$270.00

B. APPROVAL - Staff Courses

Motion to approve the following staff coursework:

Staff Member: Amy Kenny-Whritenour
 Course No./Title: EPOL 483 MTC: Learning Technologies
 Institution: University of Illinois
 Credits: 4

FINANCE AND PHYSICAL PLANT COMMITTEE

Chairperson Ms. Kwon, Ms. Finkelstein, Ms. Kothari

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 - Monthly Bills

Motion to approve payment of bills from January 22, 2021 to February 4, 2021 in the amount of:

General Fund (Fund 10)	\$362,888.65
Special Revenue (Fund 20)	\$ 0.00
Total	\$362,888.65

B. ACCEPTANCE - SY 2019-20 Audit

Motion to accept the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) and Auditor's Management Report (AMR) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, as audited by Lerch, Vinci & Higgins, LLP.

C. 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 2021-2022 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 2021-2022 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 2021-2022 school year.

D. **APPROVAL - Roof Replacements at Hillside Elementary School**

Whereas, The Board of Education of Closter in the County of Bergen, New Jersey (the "Board"), desires to proceed with a school facilities project consisting generally of:

ROOF REPLACEMENTS AT HILLSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Whereas, the Board now seeks to take the initial steps in order to proceed with the Project:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF CLOSTER IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, as follows:

Section 1. In accordance with the requirements of Section 6A:26-3 of the New Jersey Administrative Code, the Board hereby approves the Schematic Plans prepared in connection with the Project and the Board further authorizes the submission of same to the Bergen County Superintendent of Schools and the New Jersey Department of Education for approval. This project is designated "Other Capital" and the Board is not seeking state funding.

Section 2. The Board hereby authorizes the amendment to its Long-Range Facilities Plan in order to reflect the proposed Project.

Section 3. The School Administration and such other officers and agents of the Board as are necessary, including the Board attorney, bond counsel and architect, are hereby authorized to perform such other acts, to execute such other documents and to do such other things as are necessary to implement the determinations of the Board set forth in this resolution. Including the submission of Information to the New Jersey Department of Education as applicable to the proposed Project.

Section 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

PERSONNEL AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Chairperson Ms. Bhagat, Ms. Cross, Mr. Linn

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

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

YEAS:

NAYS:

A. **APPROVAL - Long-Term Leave Replacement - Grade 5**

Motion to approve Jennifer Smith as Long-Term Leave Replacement - Grade 5 - starting as soon as possible, pending criminal history background check, through June 22, 2021. Salary

will be \$200 per day on days 1 through 10; then beginning on day 11, MA Step 0, \$59,714 pro-rated.

BOARD COMMITTEES

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

SY 2021-2022 Calendar Discussion

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.