

CLOSTER BOARD OF EDUCATION

Closter, New Jersey

AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING

Tenakill Middle School

January 18, 2023 - 7:30 PM

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

Roll Call:

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| 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

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 Motions A - E.

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

YEAS:

NAYS:

A. **APPROVAL - Minutes**

Motion to approve January 5, 2023, minutes.

B. **APPROVAL - Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying (HIB)**

Motion to affirm the decision of the Superintendent of Schools regarding Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying (HIB) incident #TMS-2223-02 reported to the Board in Executive Session at the January 5, 2023, meeting.

C. **APPROVAL - Paraprofessional Staff Statement of Assurance-Part II of SY 2022-2023**

Motion to approve Statement of Assurance Regarding the Use of Paraprofessional Staff for the second half of school year 2022-2023.

D. **RESOLUTION - School Board Recognition**

WHEREAS, The New Jersey School Boards Association has declared January 2023 to be School Board Recognition Month, a time when all residents can acknowledge the contributions made by our local school board members; and

WHEREAS, The Closter Board of Education is one of 581 local school boards in New Jersey, which sets policies and oversees operations for public school districts; and

WHEREAS, The Closter Board of Education embraces the goal of high-quality education for all New Jersey public school students; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey’s local school boards help determine the educational goals for approximately 1.4 million children in pre-kindergarten through 12th grade; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey’s 5,000 local school board members, who receive no remuneration for their services, act as advocates for public school students as they work with administrators, teachers and parents for the betterment of public education; and

WHEREAS, School boards strive to provide the resources necessary to meet the needs of all students, including those with special needs; and

WHEREAS, Boards of Education provide accountability to the public; they communicate the needs of the school district to the public; and they convey to school administrators the public’s expectations for the schools; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey can take pride in its schools, which rank among the nation’s best in key achievement indicators such as the National Assessment of Educational Progress scores, and the preparation for college through advanced placement offerings and SAT assessments; Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Closter Board of Education, does hereby recognize the services of local school board members throughout New Jersey as we join communities statewide in observing January 2023 as SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Closter Board of Education urges all New Jersey citizens to work with their local boards of education and public school staff toward the advancement of our children’s education.

E. **APPROVAL - Sidebar Agreement Between the Closter Board of Education and the Closter Education Association**

Motion to approve the sidebar agreement between the Closter Board of Education and the Closter Education Association for Article VI, Section H, establishing a new rate of remuneration for overnight trips at \$150.00 per each overnight.

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION COMMITTEE

Chairperson: Dr. Puttannah; Members: 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 2022-2023 as recommended to the Superintendent by the Principals:

Staff Member: Sarah Kang
Course No./Title: 15:253:537:90 Language in Society
Institution: Rutgers Graduate School of Education
Credits: 3

B. APPROVAL - Staff Conferences

Motion to approve the following staff conferences:

Staff Member(s): Patricia Eichenlaub
Conference: 2023 Region III Meetings, County Meetings & Executive Committee
County Meetings
Location: NVRHS-D & Region 3
Date: 1/11/23, 1/20/23, 1/25/23, 2/7/23, 3/10/23, 3/14/23, 3/24/23, 3/29/23,
4/18/23, 4/24/23, 4/26/23, 5/5/23, 5/9/23, 5/24/23, 6/6/23
Cost to Board: \$0

Staff Member(s): Gildardo Castrillon
Conference: NAETI EPA / AHERA / OSHA Asbestos Operations & Maintenance
Training
Location: Ocean, NJ
Date: 2/20/23 - 2/21/23
Cost to Board: \$672.74

Staff Member(s): Amy Kenny-Whritenour (replacing Jodi Sunshine)
Conference: VIA Conference
Location: NVRHS-D
Date: 1/26/23
Cost to Board: \$0

Staff Member(s): Amy Kenny-Whritenour
Conference: NVCC Coaching Visit
Location: Haworth Public School, Haworth, NJ
Date: 2/1/23
Cost to Board: \$0

FINANCE AND PHYSICAL PLANT COMMITTEE

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

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 - 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 December 2022.
- b. Board of Education's Monthly Certification of Budgetary Major Account /Fund status for December 2022.
- c. Transfer of funds for December 2022.

B. **APPROVAL - Monthly Bills**

Motion to approve payment of bills from January, 6, 2023, to January 18, 2023, in the amount of:

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| General Fund (Fund 10) | \$1,044,660.89 |
| Special Revenue (Fund 20) | \$ 44,056.89 |
| Total | \$1,088,717.78 |

C. **APPROVAL - Staff Remuneration**

Motion to approve remuneration to staff members as follows:

Staff Member: Rachel Fineman
Course: ELAD 635 Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment
College/University: Montclair State University
Remuneration: \$1,000.00

D. **APPROVAL - Renewal of Participation in SEHBP**

Motion to approve the resolution authorizing the renewal of the participation in School Employees Health Benefits Program of the State of New Jersey, attached hereto as Appendix B.

E. **APPROVAL - Nursing Services Contract**

Motion to approve the nursing services contract for student 9597653741 and/or 1595602128 from January 16, 2023, until the end of the school year at an estimated cost of \$88,000.

- Best Choice Home Care Limited Liability Company at a rate of \$80.00 per hour
- Norton Education Group at a rate of \$75.00 per hour
- Horizon Health Care Setting at an estimated rate of \$80 per hour

F. **APPROVAL - Purchase of Six (6) Promethean Boards**

Motion to approve the purchase of six (6) Promethean Boards from Keyboard Consultants in the amount of \$23,100 through the Educational Data Services (EDS) Bid #10437 MSRP Tech/AV/Computer/Interactive Whiteboards.

G. **APPROVAL - Acceptance of Donation from the Closter PTO**

Motion to accept, with gratitude, the donation from the Closter PTO in the amount of \$150,000. Projects paid with these funds to be determined at a later date, as approved by the Superintendent and reported to the Board.

PERSONNEL AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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

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

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

YEAS:

NAYS:

A **APPROVAL - Leave of Absence for Jodi Sunshine**

Motion to approve the leave of absence for Jodi Sunshine starting January 30, 2023, with an anticipated return date of May 15, 2023, as follows:

- Paid sick leave using 10.5 sick days, 0.5 personal day and 2.5 banked sick days from January 30, 2023, to February 16, 2023 (AM), and
- 12 weeks of FMLA from February 16, 2023(PM), to May 14, 2023.

B. **APPROVAL - Extension of Discretionary Leave of Absence for Kerry Vogel**

Motion to approve an extension of discretionary leave of absence for Kerry Vogel until May 29, 2023, with an anticipated return date of May 30, 2023.

C. **APPROVAL - Discretionary Leave of Absence for Soojung Kwak**

Motion to approve the discretionary leave of absence for Soojung Kwak from February 8, 2023, until the end of the school year.

D. **APPROVAL - Centered Solutions Therapists (Parent-Paid) for the 2022-2023 School Year**

Motion to approve the following parent-paid Centered Solutions therapists for student #371001 for the 2022-2023 school year:

- Kaylee Vetrano (**Awaiting** criminal history background check)
- Adrienne Rinaldi (Criminal history background check has been approved)

E. **APPROVAL - Michelle Kuryllo**

Motion to approve Michelle Kuryllo as tenure track Special Education Teacher in Hillside School for the 2022-2023 school year at a salary of \$80,995, MA Step 10, starting February 3, 2023, pending a criminal history background check.

F. **APPROVAL - Extension for Veronica Kim as ELL Long-Term Leave Replacement**

Motion to approve the extension for Veronica Kim as Long-Term Leave Replacement - Hillside Elementary ELL Teacher (S.K.) from February 13, 2023, until the end of the school year.

G. **APPROVAL - Extension for Songhee (Joy) Lee as Grade 3 Long-Term Leave Replacement**
Motion to approve the extension for Songhee (Joy) Lee as Long-Term Leave Replacement -
Grade 3 Teacher (K.V.) from April 22, 2023, until May 31, 2023.

H. **APPROVAL - Substitute Paraprofessional**
Motion to approve Alexis Velella as a substitute paraprofessional for the 2022-2023 school year.

POLICY COMMITTEE

Chairperson: Ms. Fanelli; Members: Ms. Finkelstein, 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 - Second Reading of Revised Policy #0155 - Board Committees**
Motion to approve the second reading of revised policy #0155 - 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:

HIB

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.