

CLOSTER BOARD OF EDUCATION

Closter, New Jersey

AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING

Tenakill Middle School

January 2, 2025 - 7:30 PM

Call to order: _____ @ _____ P.M.

Roll Call:

Ms. Argenziano	_____
Mr. Choi	_____
Ms. Estrems	_____
Ms. Finkelstein	_____
Ms. Li	_____
Ms. Lee	_____
Ms. Micera	_____
Mr. Paldi	_____
Ms. Salamea-Cross	_____

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

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 - C.

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

YEAS:

NAYS:

A. **APPROVAL - Minutes**

Motion to approve the December 3, 2024, meeting minutes.

B. **APPROVAL - Use of Facilities Closter Education Association**

Motion to approve the Closter Education Association and Closter PTO use of Tenakill Middle School gym for the Rise Against Hunger food packaging event on March 2, 2025.

C. **APPROVAL - Pre-School Tuition Rates**

Motion to approve the following tuition rates for the 2025-2026 school year:

Preschool Full Day Program	\$12,300.00
PSD Voluntary Half-Day Extension	\$ 9,250.00

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION COMMITTEE

Chairperson: _____ ; Members: _____

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 2024-2025 as recommended to the Superintendent by the Principals:

Staff Member: Gila Rachlin
Course No./Title: ED 501-5406 Childhood Apraxia of Speech
Institution: Colorado State University Pueblo/Therapy Advance Courses
Credits: 3

Staff Member: Maci DeCarlo
Course No./Title: 1) Dissertation II
2) Pediatric Psychology
3) Advanced Clinic Practicum II
Institution: Fairleigh Dickinson University
Credits: 9 (3 credits each)

Staff Member: Megan Weis
Course No./Title: EDUC 6814 Structured Literacy: Students with Reading Difficulties 2
Institution: Fairleigh Dickinson University
Credits: 3

Staff Member: Kaitlyn Yu
Course No./Title: EDUC 6814 Structured Literacy: Students with Reading Difficulties 2
Institution: Fairleigh Dickinson University
Credits: 3

Staff Member: Songhee (Joy) Lee
Course No./Title: EDUC 6814 Structured Literacy: Students with Reading Difficulties 2
Institution: Fairleigh Dickinson University
Credits: 3

B. APPROVAL - Staff Conferences

Motion to approve the following staff conferences:

Staff Member(s): William Potkulski
Conference: NJAHPERD Annual Convention
Location: The Westin Princeton at Forrestal Village, Princeton, NJ
Date: 2/24/25 - 2/25/25
Cost to Board: \$814.16 (includes hotel, mileage, meals & incidentals)

C. APPROVAL - Field Trips

Motion to approve the following field trips:

School: Tenakill Middle School
Group: Grade 7 and 8 Singers
Month: January 2025
Destination: NVRHS-D

Location: Demarest, NJ
 School: Tenakill Middle School
 Group: Grade 8 Band and Orchestra
 Month: January 2025
 Destination: NVRHS-D
 Location: Demarest, NJ

School: Tenakill Middle School
 Group: Grade 5
 Month: April 2025
 Destination: Buehler Challenger Center
 Location: Paramus, NJ

FINANCE AND PHYSICAL PLANT COMMITTEE

Chairperson: ; Members:

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 - 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 November 2024.
- b. Board of Education’s Monthly Certification of Budgetary Major Account /Fund status for November 2024.
- c. Transfer of funds for November 2024.

B. APPROVAL - Payment of Bills

Motion to approve the payment of bills from December 1, 2024, to December 31, 2024, in the amount of:

General Fund (Fund 10)	\$2,370,394.26
Special Revenue (Fund 20)	\$ 7,725.80
Capital Projects (Fund 30)	\$ 95,485.08
Enterprise (Milk – Fund 60)	\$ 790.35
Total	\$2,474,395.49

- C. **APPROVAL - Purchase of Little SIS Premium Google Classroom Management System**
Motion to approve the purchase of a three-year license for Little SIS Premium Google Classroom Management System from CDWG in the amount of \$8,100, through the Ed-Services Commission of NJ Contract ESCNJ/AEPA #22-G Technology Catalog.
- D. **APPROVAL - Investment to Insured Cash Sweep (ICS) Reciprocal Deposits**
Motion to approve the reinvestment of \$4,500,000 from the Board of Education's General Fund into an ICS Reciprocal Deposit account with Capital One Bank at an initial interest rate of 4.25%. The funds originate from a Certificate of Deposit (CD) account that matured on January 2, 2025.
- E. **APPROVAL - Renewal of Participation in SEHBP**
Motion to approve the resolution authorizing the renewal of the participation in the School Employees Health Benefits Program of the State of New Jersey, attached hereto as Appendix B.

PERSONNEL AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Chairperson: ; *Members:*

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 - Retirement of Laura Rochlin**
Motion to accept the retirement of Laura Rochlin as LDT-C effective June 30, 2025.
- B. **APPROVAL - Appointment of Madilyn Palmer as Tenakill School Library Media Specialist**
Motion to approve the appointment of Madilyn Palmer as full-time, tenure track TMS School Library Media Specialist, for the 2024-2025 school year, at a salary of \$66,437, MA Step 1, starting on or around January 3, 2025, or as soon as her criminal history background check is approved.
- C. **APPROVAL - Karishma Vasmani, BASS Therapist for Student ID #361001**
Motion to approve Karishma Vasmani as parent-paid BASS Therapist for Student #361001, pending criminal history background check.
- D. **APPROVAL - Change of Hours for Jack Schnall, Tenakill School Paraprofessional**
Motion to accept the change of hours for Jack Schnall, TMS Paraprofessional, to 2.5 days per week, effective January 2, 2025.

E. **APPROVAL - Substitute Teachers/Paraprofessionals/Custodians**

Motion to approve the following substitute teachers/paraprofessionals/custodians for the 2024-2025 School Year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Certification</u>
Derek Wohl	NJ Substitute Certification
Angelie Dejesus	NJ Substitute Certification
Matthew McMillan	NJ Teacher Certification

F. **APPROVAL - Carly Polmann and Isabella Del Valle, Ramapo College Nursing Clinical Interns for the 2024-2025 School Year**

Motion to approve Carly Polmann and Isabella Del Valle, Ramapo College nursing clinical interns, to work with Virginia McHale at TMS for the 2024-2025 school year from February through April 2025, for 4-5 hours per visit, for a total of six Wednesdays, pending criminal history background checks.

G. **APPROVAL - Rebecca Suttora, Ramapo College Clinical Intern for the 2024-2025 School Year**

Motion to approve Rebecca Suttora, Ramapo College clinical intern, to work in Francesca Rivellini's classroom at TMS for the 2024-2025 school year, pending criminal history background check.

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.