

CLOSTER BOARD OF EDUCATION

Closter, New Jersey

AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING

Tenakill Middle School

January 20, 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

SSDS Report - Reporting Period 1 for SY 2021-2022

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 - D.

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

YEAS:

NAYS:

A. **APPROVAL - Minutes**

Motion to approve the following minutes:

- January 6, 2022, Organization Meeting
- January 6, 2022, Regular Meeting

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

Motion to affirm the decision of the Superintendent of Schools regarding the Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying (HIB) incident reported to the Board in Executive Session at the January 6, 2022, Meeting.

C. **RESOLUTION - School Board Recognition**

WHEREAS, The New Jersey School Boards Association has declared January 2022 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 580 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, The Closter Board of Education helps determine the educational goals for approximately 1200 children in pre-Kindergarten through 8th 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 our local school board members as we join communities statewide in observing January 2022 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.

D. **APPROVAL - Vikings Futbol Club**

Motion to approve Vikings Futbol Club to use the field at Hillside Elementary School during March 2022 through June 2022.

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION COMMITTEE

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

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 - Staff Conferences**

Motion to approve the following staff conferences:

Staff Member(s): Noelle Caramanna
Conference: Inclusion Leadership Conference-NJ Coalition for Inclusive Education
Location: Virtual
Date: 3/18/22
Cost to Board: \$50

Staff Member(s): Margaret Churchill
Conference: NJTESOL/NJBE Annual Conference
Location: Hyatt, New Brunswick, NJ
Date: 6/1 - 6/3/22
Cost to Board: \$0

B. APPROVAL - Field Trips

Motion to approve the following field trips:

School: Hillside
Group: Grade 2
Month: March
Performance: Same, Same but Different by Virtual Theater Works
Location: Virtual

School: Hillside
Group: Grade 2
Month: April
Performance: Jungle Book by Virtual Theater Works
Location: Virtual

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 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 2021.
- b. Board of Education's Monthly Certification of Budgetary Major Account /Fund status for December 2021.
- c. Transfer of funds for December 2021.

B. APPROVAL - Monthly Bills

Motion to approve payment of bills from January 7th to January 18th, 2022, in the amount of:

General Fund (Fund 10)	\$1,387,649.36
Special Revenue (Fund 20)	\$ 21,972.33
Enterprise (Milk – Fund 60)	\$ 465.65
Total	\$1,410,087.34

C. 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.

- D. **APPROVAL - Purchase of Five (5) Promethean Boards**
 Motion to approve the purchase of five (5) Promethean Boards from Keyboard Consultants in the amount of \$27,733 through the Educational Data Services (EDS) Bid #10437 MSRP Tech/AV/Computer/Interactive Whiteboards.
- E. **APPROVAL - Purchase of Five (5) Charging Stations and Two (2) Charging Carts**
 Motion to approve the purchase of five (5) charging stations and two (2) charging carts from Keyboard Consultants in the amount of \$8,755.88 and \$2,473.92 respectively through the Ed Services Commission of NJ Contract: Technology Supplies and Services #ESCNJ18/19-03.
- F. **APPROVAL - Purchase of 16 Macbook Air Laptops**
 Motion to approve the purchase of 16 MacBook Air laptops from Apple Inc., in the amount of \$28,388 through the Ed Services Commission of NJ Contract: Technology Supplies and Services #ESCNJ18/19-67 - Apple Contract #1062153.
- G. **APPROVAL - Purchase of 30 iPads**
 Motion to approve the purchase of 30 iPads from Apple Inc., in the amount of \$16,590 through the Ed Services Commission of NJ Contract: Technology Supplies and Services #ESCNJ18/19-67 - Apple Contract #1062153.
- H. **APPROVAL - Classroom Renovations Project Closeout**
 Motion to close out the Classroom Renovations Project at Hillside Elementary School. The original contract to Drill Construction, Inc. was \$389,500. The final project cost including eight allowance adjustments and one change order is \$392,406.18.
- I. **APPROVAL - Disposal of 10 Outdated Smart Boards**
 Motion to approve the disposal of ten (10), outdated Smart Boards from Tenakill Middle School; tag # 10092, 10163, 10186, 10201, 10205, 10211, 10212, 10230, 10226 & 10227.

PERSONNEL AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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

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 - Rescind Leave of Absence for Nila Vora**
 Motion to rescind the leave of absence for Nila Vora, previously approved at the 1/06/2022 Board of Education meeting.
- B. **APPROVAL - Leave of Absence Extension for Audrey Friel**
 Motion to approve extended leave of absence for Audrey Friel through the end of the 2021-2022 school year.

- C. **APPROVAL - Extension of Long-Term Leave Replacement - Isabella Prulello - Grade 5**
Motion to approve extension of Long-Term Leave Replacement for Isabella Prulello - Grade 5 Teacher - through the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year.
- D. **APPROVAL - Extension of Long-Term Leave Replacement - Amanda Eastman - Grade 1**
Motion to approve extension of Long-Term Leave Replacement for Amanda Eastman - Grade 1 Teacher - through April 25, 2022.
- E. **APPROVAL - Field Placement for Student Teacher**
Motion to approve the Kayla Mikatarian from Felician University for 15 hours' field placement (to be completed in five three-hour visits) in Ms. Gerbig's room, between February 7 and April 25, 2022, pending criminal history background check.
- F. **APPROVAL - Leave Replacement LDTC**
Motion to approve Katharine Arena as a leave replacement LDTC, three days per week, 3.5 hours per day at a rate of \$70 per hour pending criminal history background check.
- G. **APPROVAL - Paraprofessional Staff Statement of Assurance-Part II of SY 2021-2022**
Motion to approve Statement of Assurance Regarding the Use of Paraprofessional Staff for the second half of SY 2021-2022.
- H. **APPROVAL - Substitute Teacher**
Motion to approve Claudia Mattes as a substitute teacher for the 2021-2022 school year.

BOARD COMMITTEES

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

SY 22-23 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:

Personnel Matters

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.