

CLOSTER BOARD OF EDUCATION

Closter, New Jersey

AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING

Tenakill Middle School

July 14, 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

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 June 20, 2022, minutes.

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

Motion to affirm the decision of the Superintendent of Schools regarding Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying (HIB) incidents #HES-2122-05, HES-2122-06, HES-2122-07, HES-2122-08, HES-2122-09 and HES-2122-10 as reported to the Board in Executive Session at the June 20, 2022, Meeting.

C. **APPROVAL - Safe Return Plan Update for First Half of 2022-2023 School Year**

Motion to approve the Safe Return Plan Update for the first half of 2022-2023 school year, Attached hereto as Appendix A.

D. **APPROVAL - Before and After School Enrichment Programs Contract**

Motion to approve the contract between the Closter Board of Education and KCE Champions LLC to provide Before and After School Enrichment Programs. The agreement includes a facility rental fee of \$1,000 per month.

E. **APPROVAL - New Special Education Program**

Motion to approve the addition of an Emotional Regulation Impairment class for SY 2022 - 2023.

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: Elizabeth Klink
Course Nos./Titles: 1) EDUC 711H Teaching Gifted & Talented Students
2) EDUC 7130 Building Classroom Discipline
Institution: University of LaVerne
Credits: 6 (3 credits each)

Staff Member: Jamie Morgan
Course Nos./Titles: 1) EDUC 711C Effective Character Education
2) EDUC 717E Creating a Google Apps Classroom
Institution: University of LaVerne
Credits: 6 (3 credits each)

B. APPROVAL - Staff Conferences

Motion to approve the following staff conferences:

Staff Member(s): Soojung Kwak, Sarah Kang and Kathy Lee
Conference: WIDA Annual Conference 2022 - Advancing Learning Together
Location: Virtual
Date: 9/28 - 9/30/22
Cost to Board: \$885.00 (Paid for by Title III Grant)

Staff Member(s): Catherine Ianni and Ellen Monaghan
Conference: Conquer Mathematics Workshop
Location: Pompton Plains, NJ
Date: 9/22/22, 12/6/22, 1/12/23, 2/13/23, 3/10/23
Cost to Board: \$1,746.08 Total (\$873.04 each)

Staff Member(s): Laurie Rochlin
Conference: NJALC Fall Symposium
Location: Virtual

Date: 10/20/22 (evening) and 10/21/22 (full day)
 Cost to Board: \$125.00

FINANCE AND PHYSICAL PLANT COMMITTEE

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

Moved by _____, seconded by _____ to approve Motions A - L.
 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 June 20, 2022 to June 30, 2022, in the amount of:

General Fund (Fund 10)	\$555,249.42
Special Revenue (Fund 20)	\$ 33,590.73
Total	\$588,840.15

B. APPROVAL - Staff Remuneration

Motion to approve remuneration to staff members as follows:

Staff Member: Jamie Morgan
 Course: 1) I'm So Stressed; 2) Understanding Autism; 3) Bullying
 College/University: University of LaVerne
 Remuneration: \$1,000.00

C. APPROVAL – Tuition Contracts for Received Students

Motion to approve tuition contracts for received students as outlined below for the 2022-2023 school year:

<u>NJSMART#</u>	<u>Tuition</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>District</u>
2515472486	\$25,375 (LLD)	Gr 8	Harrington Park
2941066759	\$25,375 (LLD)	Gr 7	Old Tappan
2139435137	\$25,375 (LLD)	Gr 7	Alpine
9480082869	\$25,375 (LLD)	Gr 2	Old Tappan
3884145442	\$31,952 (PSD)	PrK	Haworth
1291401099	\$25,375 (LLD)	Gr 6	Harrington Park
8943632107	\$31,952 (PSD)	PrK	Northvale
9808079630	\$ 1,853 (ESY only)	K	Northvale

D. **APPROVAL – Special Education Placements**

Motion to approve the following 2022-2023 Special Education placements for Closter Students:

<i>NJSMART#</i>	<i>Tuition</i>	<i>Grade</i>	<i>Placement</i>
8583886300	\$84,600.00	GR4	BCSS-HIP UNION
2377584260	\$13,200.00	TOD GR6	BCSS-TOD
4491998149	\$13,200.00	TOD GR7	BCSS-TOD
4780672334	\$13,200.00	TOD GR1	BCSS-TOD
4621240704	\$68,505.00	GR1	BCSS-Brownstone
9597653741	\$94,966.00	GR3	CTC-Fairlawn
1595602128	\$94,966.00	GR3	CTC-Fairlawn
2515429166	\$78,170.00	GR6	Park Academy
8949793385	\$36,728.00	GR6	The Craig School
9766852016	\$68,723.82	GR4	Newmark School
6046457095	\$68,723.82	GR2	Newmark School
7827469181	\$52,005.00	GR7	NVRHS-TIP
8420806703	\$52,005.00	GR6	NVRHS-TIP
6176799742	\$48,291.99	GR8	NVRHS-TIP
8310099361	\$85,831.00	GR3	NVRHS
5323815997	\$85,831.00	GR5	NVRHS
4700189801	\$135,196.00	GR1	NVRHS
3657640030	\$85,831.00	GR4	NVRHS
1483137465	\$85,831.00	GRK	NVRHS
6753977047	\$85,831.00	GR3	NVRHS
1543457212	\$85,831.00	GR1	NVRHS
5400823973	\$85,831.00	PreK	NVRHS
8322109236	\$85,831.00	GR8	NVRHS
1653301736	\$85,831.00	GR 6	NVRHS
2948044104	\$85,831.00	PreK	NVRHS
8860616163	\$88,000.00	GR8	Cresskill
4452885313	\$88,000.00	GR6	Cresskill
9397735904	\$ 1,675.00	GR2	REG III-ESY only
2710068403	\$ 1,675.00	GR3	REG III-ESY only
7463243843	\$ 1,675.00	GR1	REG III-ESY only
9206382581	\$ 1,675.00	GR8	REG III-ESY only
2658126120	\$ 1,675.00	GR3	REG III-ESY only
22887020694	\$ 1,675.00	GR1	REG III-ESY only
4622705497	\$ 1,675.00	GR3	REG III-ESY only
9901292105	\$ 1,675.00	GR3	REG III-ESY only
3380272583	\$ 4,727.73	K	VALLEY-ESY only

- E. **APPROVAL - Purchase and Installation of 3M Security Film**
Motion to retroactively approve the contract with Window Film Depot, the lowest and most responsive quote for the purchase and installation of 3M security film on windows in Hillside Elementary School. The contract amount is up to \$29,393.35.
- F. **APPROVAL - Shared Services for Speech Therapist**
Motion to approve the shared services agreement with Demarest Public Schools for a Speech Therapist in the amount of \$27,553.62, two days per week for SY 2022-2023.
- G. **APPROVAL - Update and Painting of Hillside School Front Area**
Motion to approve the contract with CertaPro Painters the lowest and most responsive quote for the update and painting of the front area in Hillside Elementary School. The contract amount is \$14,930.76, and is funded using Capital Reserve as included in the SY 22-23 budget.
- H. **APPROVAL - Various Repairs in Hillside and Tenakill Parking Lots & Curbs**
Motion to approve the contract with D&L Paving Contractors Incorporated, the lowest and most responsive quote for various repairs in Hillside Elementary School and Tenakill Middle School parking lots and curbs. The contract amount is \$40,450.00, and is funded using Capital Reserve as included in the SY 22-23 budget.
- I. **APPROVAL - Use of Facilities Fees**
Motion to establish the fees for the Use of Facilities for the 2022-2023 school year:
- \$100.00 per room/day
 - \$55.00 per hour for custodians (\$73.00 per hour on Sunday or Holidays)
- J. **APPROVAL - Substitute Rates**
Motion to approve the substitute rates as follows:
- Substitute Custodian: \$19 per hour
 - Substitute Nurse: \$225 per day
 - Substitute Teacher: \$105 per day
 - Substitute Paraprofessional: \$105 per day
- K. **APPROVAL - Disposal of Smartboard**
Motion to approve the disposal of an obsolete Smartboard from Tenakill Middle School, tag #10248.
- L. **APPROVAL - Instructional Resources**
Motion to approve the purchase of the following proprietary instructional programs and web-based services:
- Big Ideas - \$11,476.58
 - Geometry Virtual High School - \$8,100.00
 - Powerschool (Schoology) - \$7,457.10
 - IXL - \$17,670.00
 - Actively Learn - \$14,925.00

PERSONNEL AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Chairperson: Ms. Cross; Members: Ms. Fanelli, Ms. Finkelstein

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

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

YEAS:

NAYS:

A. APPROVAL - FMLA / NJFLA - Margaret Johnston

Motion to approve Margaret Johnston for a leave of absence from October 28, 2022, through March 17, 2023, (anticipated return date is March 20, 2023) as follows:

- Paid sick leave from October 28, 2022, through November 18, 2022;
- Personal leave from November 21, 2022, through November 23, 2022;
- An FMLA and NJFLA child bonding leave from November 25, 2022, through February 15, 2023; and
- A discretionary child bonding leave from February 16, 2023, through March 17, 2023, with an anticipated return to work on March 20, 2023.

B. APPROVAL - FMLA / NJFLA - Soojung Kwak

Motion to approve Soojung Kwak for a leave of absence from November 14, 2022, through February 7, 2023, (anticipated return date is February 8, 2023) as follows:

- Paid sick leave from November 14, 2022, through November 15, 2022; and
- An FMLA and NJFLA child bonding leave from November 16, 2022, through February 7, 2023, with an anticipated return to work on February 8, 2023.

C. APPROVAL - FMLA / NJFLA - Jamie Morgan

Motion to approve Jamie Morgan for a leave of absence from October 3, 2022, through May 31, 2023, (anticipated return date is June 1, 2023) as follows:

- Paid sick leave from October 3, 2022, through October 28, 2022;
- An FMLA and NJFLA child bonding leave from October 31, 2022, through January 23, 2023; and
- A discretionary child bonding leave pursuant to Board Policy 3435 (contingent upon Board approval) from January 24, 2023, through May 31, 2023, with an anticipated return to work on June 1, 2023.

D. APPROVAL – Summer Custodial Assistants

Motion to approve, upon recommendation of the Business Administrator the employment of the following 2022 Summer Custodial Assistants; not to exceed 7.5 hrs/day, effective July 15, 2022, through August 26, 2022:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Hr/rate</u>
Mayuli Copeland	2	\$19.00
Nicholas Rodriguez	1	\$14.00

- E. **APPROVAL – Professional Learning Community Summer Program Staff**
Motion to approve, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following teachers for the Professional Learning Community for the Summer of 2022 (funded by American Rescue Plan - Accelerated Learning Coach and Educator Support Grant) up to 50 hours per teacher at \$50.00/hour:
- Kate Weisenseel
 - Lauren Mandal
 - Chelsea Smith
 - Jamie Morgan
 - Michelle Durocher
 - Sylvia Jost
 - Alison Wong
 - Bianca DiQuattro
- F. **APPROVAL - 2022-2023 Substitute Teachers, Paraprofessionals, Nurses & Custodians**
Motion to approve Substitutes for the 2022-2023 school year as per Appendix B attached.
- G. **APPROVAL - Michelle Durocher as Special Education Replacement Teacher for the 2022-2023 School Year**
Motion to approve Michelle Durocher as tenure track Middle School Special Education Replacement Teacher, Grades K-6, for the 2022-2023 school year at a salary of \$63,639, MA Step 2, starting September 1, 2022, pending a criminal history background check.
- H. **APPROVAL - Bianca DiQuattro as Special Education Teacher for the 2022-2023 School Year**
Motion to approve Bianca DiQuattro as tenure track Elementary School Special Education Teacher, for the 2022-2023 school year at a salary of \$73,522, MA +15 Step 5, starting September 1, 2022, pending a criminal history background check.
- I. **APPROVAL - Elizabeth Apollo as Behaviorist for the 2022-2023 School Year**
Motion to approve Elizabeth Apollo as tenure track Behaviorist, for the 2022-2023 school year at a salary of \$83,527, MA Step 11, starting September 1, 2022, pending a criminal history background check.
- J. **APPROVAL - Alison Wong as Pre-school with Disability Teacher for the 2022-2023 School Year**
Motion to approve Alison Wong as tenure track Pre-school with Disability teacher, for the 2022-2023 school year at a salary of \$63,639, MA Step 2, starting September 1, 2022, pending a criminal history background check.

- K. **APPROVAL - Leann Cameron as District Social Worker for the 2022-2023 School Year**
Motion to approve Leann Cameron as tenure track District Social Worker, for the 2022-2023 school year at a salary of \$68,139, MA Step 4, starting September 1, 2022, pending a criminal history background check.

- L. **APPROVAL - Julianna Kadian - Long-Term Leave Replacement - PLUS Program**
Motion to approve Julianna Kadian as Long-Term Leave Replacement for the Hillside School PLUS Program from September 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023. Salary will be \$200 per day on days 1 through 10; the beginning of day 11, MA Step 0, \$60,839, prorated.

- M. **APPROVAL - Resignation of Sara Kim, Social Worker**
Motion to accept, with regrets, the resignation of Sara Kim, Social Worker, effective August 19, 2022.

- N. **APPROVAL - Resignation of Joseph Bonasorte, Paraprofessional**
Motion to accept, with regrets, the resignation of Joseph Bonasorte, Paraprofessional, effective July 5, 2022.

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:

Student-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.