

**CLOSTER BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
*Closter, New Jersey*

AGENDA  
REGULAR MEETING  
July 16, 2020  
7:30 PM

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Call to order: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_ P.M.

Roll Call:

Ms. Bhagat	_____
Ms. Cross	_____
Ms. Kothari	_____
Ms. Kwon	_____
Ms. Lee	_____
Mr. Linn	_____
Ms. Micera	_____
Ms. Finkelstein	_____
Mr. Lambert	_____

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, 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

**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. 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 June 24, 2020 minutes.

**CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION COMMITTEE**

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

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 2020-2021 school year as recommended to the Superintendent by the Principals:

Staff Member: Min Jeong Kim  
Course No./Title: MAT 901A Math Activities: Intermediate Grades  
Institution: Fresno Pacific University  
Credits: 3

Staff Member: Min Jeong Kim  
Course No./Title: MAT 912 Great Mathematicians Before 1700  
Institution: Fresno Pacific University  
Credits: 3

Staff Member: Kate Maher  
Course No./Title: EDUC 712Z Understanding Autism  
Institution: University of LaVerne  
Credits: 3

Staff Member: Andrea Watkins  
Course No./Title: EDUC 6616-91 Language Acquisitions /  
Language Disorders  
Institution: Fairleigh Dickinson University  
Credits: 3

**B. APPROVAL - Staff Conferences**

Motion to approve the following staff conferences:

Staff Member/s: Mary Auriti, Erica Cho and Jennifer Levy  
Conference: Distance Learning: Strengthening Online ELA  
Instruction  
Location: Virtual  
Date: 8/6/20  
Cost to Board: \$777.00

Staff Member/s: Vincent Salvati  
Conference: NJ Sys Admin Meeting / NJASTO Meetings  
Location: Virtual  
Date: 10/2, 11/6, 12/4/20; 1/8, 2/5, 3/5, 4/2, 5/7, 6/4/21  
Cost to Board: \$0

**FINANCE AND PHYSICAL PLANT COMMITTEE**

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

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ to approve Motions A-F.

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 23, 2020 to June 30, 2020 in the amount of:

General Fund (Fund 10)	\$356,161.78
Special Revenue (Fund 20)	\$ 718.96
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$356,880.74</b>

**B. APPROVAL - Staff Remuneration**

Motion to approve remuneration to staff members as follows:

Staff Member: Kate Maher  
Course: Seminar in Clinical Application to Learning Disabilities  
Remuneration: \$1,000.00

**C. APPROVAL – Special Education Placements for ESY**

Motion to approve the following 2020-2021 ESY Special Education placements for Closter students:

<b>NJSMART#</b>	<b>Tuition</b>	<b>Grade</b>	<b>Placement</b>
7046976899	\$7,095.00	K	NVRHS-Valley
8096612745	\$7,095.00	PreK	NVRHS-Valley
1690925754	\$7,095.00	K	NVRHS-Valley

**D. APPROVAL - Merit Goal Payment for 2019-2020**

RESOLVED, that the Closter Board of Education certifies the payment in the amount of \$25,435.78 to Vincent McHale, Superintendent of Schools, for the 2019-2020 merit goal completion.

**E. APPROVAL - Use of Facilities Fees**

Motion to establish the fees for the Use of Facilities for the 2020-2021 school year:

\$85.00 per room/day  
\$49.00 per hour for custodians (\$64.00 per hour on Sunday or Holidays)

**F. APPROVAL - Preschool Program Rates**

Motion to approve the following program rates for the 2020-2021 school year:

Preschool Program \$ 7,000.00  
After Care Program fee \$ 950.00

**PERSONNEL AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

***Chairperson Ms. Lee, Mr. Lambert***

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ to approve Motions A-F.  
Motions were \_\_\_\_\_ by a roll call vote of the Board as follows:

YEAS:  
NAYS:

- A. **APPROVAL - Paula Cummings Retirement**  
 Motion to approve, with regrets, the retirement of Paula Cummings as Physical Education Teacher as of October 1, 2020.
- B. **APPROVAL - Elementary Teacher Tenure-Track Position**  
 Motion to approve Jennifer Barbato as an elementary teacher for the 2020-2021 school year, pending a criminal history background check. Salary is \$61,086.00, plus benefits (BA+30, Step 4).
- C. **APPROVAL - Substitute Teachers, Paraprofessionals, Nurses & Custodians**  
 Motion to approve the following substitute teachers, paraprofessionals, nurses & custodians for the 2020-2021 school year:

**Substitute Teachers**

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Certification</u></b>
Elyse Asch	NJ Substitute Certificate
Corrine Corcoran	NJ Substitute Certificate
Leo DeBartolo	Teacher Certification
Darren Fial	NJ Substitute Certificate
Lauren Finan	NJ Substitute Certificate
Alice Hodgskin	NJ Substitute Certificate
Lauren Kessler	Teacher Certification
Alissa Latner	Teacher Cert. Elementary
Linda Nasissi	Teacher Cert. Elementary
Frank Noviello	NJ Substitute Certificate
Maria del Pilar Orta Romero	Teacher Certification
Helen Papapetrou	NJ Substitute Certificate
Christina Paspalas	NJ Substitute Certificate
Jay Ringelstein	NJ Substitute Certificate
Paula Ann Schweitzer	Teacher Certification.
Robert Scozzafava	NJ Substitute Certificate
Rhonda Starer	Teacher Certification
Howard Stone	NJ Substitute Certificate
Kathleen Wellenkamp-Keller	Teacher Certification

**Nurse**

Melisa Skific	NJ Board Nursing License
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**Paraprofessionals**

Barbara Ferguson	Paraprofessional Substitute ONLY
Virginia Mangano	Paraprofessional Substitute ONLY
Penelope Michelis	Paraprofessional Substitute ONLY

**Custodians**

William Angresano  
Nelson Amaya

Custodian Substitute  
Custodian Substitute

D. **APPROVAL – Summer Nurses**

Motion to approve, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, Kristen Haenelt and Jaime Caruso, up to 40 summer work hours at a rate of \$50.00/hour.

E. **APPROVAL – Hillside ES Pre-K Summer Program Staff (Paraprofessionals)**

Motion to approve, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the revision of hours for the following paraprofessionals for Hillside Elementary School Pre-K Summer Program, July 6 - July 31, 2020, from 21 hours per week to a maximum of 17.5 hours per week per para at a rate as scheduled below:

- Dawn Lazzari - \$20.21/hour
- Vickie Aponte-Solomon - 20.21/hour

F. **APPROVAL - Resignation of Lauren Barbieri**

Motion to approve, with regrets, the resignation of Lauren Barbieri, Elementary School Teacher, as of 7/1/20.

**POLICY COMMITTEE**

***Chairperson Ms. Micera. Ms. Kothari***

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ to approve Motion A.

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

YEAS:

NAYS:

A. **APPROVAL - FIRST READING - Policy & Regulation**

Motion to approve the first reading of the following: as per Appendix A-E.

- Policy #1250 Visitors
- Policy #3510 Operation and Maintenance of Plant
- Policy #3541.33 Transportation Safety
- Policy #5141.2 Illness
- Policy #5141.3 Health Examinations and Immunizations

**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:

Personnel Matter

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.

Walk-in Resolution, Personnel, added as Item G.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ to adjourn the meeting at \_\_\_\_\_ PM.