

CLOSTER BOARD OF EDUCATION

Closter, New Jersey

AGENDA

SPECIAL MEETING

Tenakill Middle School

June 2, 2025 - 7:00 PM

Mr. Gregory Shih, appointed on May 21, 2025, to serve a term ending December 31, 2025, will be sworn in.

Call to order: _____ @ _____ P.M.

Roll Call:

Ms. Argenziano	_____
Mr. Choi	_____
Ms. Estrems	_____
Ms. Lee	_____
Ms. Li	_____
Ms. Micera	_____
Mr. Shih	_____
Mr. Paldi	_____
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

CLOSED SESSION #1

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 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.

PUBLIC COMMENTS 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 and B.

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

YEAS:

NAYS:

A. APPROVAL - Harassment, Intimidation or Bullying (HIB)

Motion to affirm the decision of the Superintendent of Schools regarding Harassment, Intimidation or Bullying (HIB) incidents TMS-2425-21 and TMS-2425-22 as reported to the Board in Executive Session at the May 21, 2025, meeting.

B. Resolution Approving Disciplinary Measures Following Student Code of Conduct Violation

WHEREAS, formal disciplinary proceedings were initiated against a student whose name is on file in the Superintendent's office for conduct the student engaged in on or about May 20, 2025, in violation of the Board's policies, regulations, and the Student Code of Conduct; and

WHEREAS, on or about May 28, 2025 the student's parents were provided with notice of a disciplinary hearing to be held before the Board on June 2, 2025, and of their right to be represented by counsel, to present evidence and witnesses on behalf of student, to cross-examine the witnesses presented by the Board ("Due Process Rights"); and

WHEREAS, the student's parents have waived their Due Process Rights in writing, and are not contesting the Superintendent's recommendation that the student be suspended for the remainder of the 2024-2025 school year, and excluded from all activities, including graduation, athletic, co-curricular and/or extra-curricular activities sponsored by the Board and prohibiting the student from being present for or attending any Board sponsored activities, either on campus or in any school district where the District is participating in the activities; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that the Superintendent's recommendation is in the best interest of the Closter School District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Board hereby approves the Superintendent's recommendation to suspend the student for the remainder of the 2024-2025 school year.
2. The Board further approves the Superintendent's recommendation to suspend the student from all activities, including graduation, athletic, co-curricular and/or extra-curricular activities sponsored by the Board and prohibiting the student from being present for or attending any Board sponsored activities, either on campus or in any school district where the District is participating in the activities. During the period of the student's suspension, the student shall be provided an alternative educational program pursuant to State law, N.J.A.C. 6A:16-10.2, that meets the Core Curriculum Standards in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:8-1.1 et seq.
3. The Board hereby requests the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to notify the student's parents in writing of the Board's decision, together with a copy of this resolution.

PERSONNEL AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Chairperson: Mr. Paldi, Members: Mr. Shih, Ms. Finkelstein

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 - Appointment of Gabriella Garcia as Tenakill Middle School Mathematics Teacher**

Motion to approve the appointment of Gabriella Garcia as full-time, tenure-track TMS Mathematics Teacher for the 2025-2026 school year at a salary of \$89,780, MA +30 Step 8, starting September 1, 2025, pending a criminal history background check.

B. **APPROVAL - Appointment of Megan McCafferty as Tenakill Middle School Special Education Teacher**

Motion to approve the appointment of Megan McCafferty as full-time, tenure-track TMS Special Education Teacher for the 2025-2026 school year at a salary of \$61,500, BA Step 2, starting September 1, 2025, pending a criminal history background check.

C. **APPROVAL - Resignation of Travis Jackson, Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant**

Motion to accept the resignation of Travis Jackson, Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant, effective August 1, 2025.

D. **APPROVAL - Appointment of Roy John to provide Home Instruction for Student #9441067283**

Motion to approve the appointment of Roy John to provide home instruction for Student #9441067283, at a rate of \$50 per hour, for a maximum of 30 hours through the end of the school year.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Moved by _____, seconded by _____ to open the meeting for public comments.

Moved by _____, seconded by _____ to close the meeting to public comments.

CLOSED SESSION # 2

Moved by _____ , seconded by _____ to approve the following Closed Session Motion.

Motion was _____ by a voice vote of the Board:

YEAS:

NAYS:

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ADJOURNMENT

Moved by _____ , seconded by _____ to adjourn the meeting at _____ PM.