

CLOSTER BOARD OF EDUCATION

Closter, New Jersey

AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING

Tenakill Middle School

March 22, 2023 - 7:30 PM

Call to order: _____ @ _____ P.M.

Roll Call:

Ms. Fanelli	_____
Ms. Kwon	_____
Ms. Li	_____
Ms. Micera	_____
Dr. Puttannah	_____
Ms. Wagner	_____
Ms. Yeoh	_____
Ms. Salamea-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, 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

Award Presentation - Avinash Sabnani

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 March 9, 2023, meeting minutes.

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

Motion to affirm the decision of the Superintendent of Schools regarding Harassment, Intimidation or Bullying (HIB) incidents numbers TMS-2223-08, TMS-2223-09, TMS-2223-10, TMS-2223-11, TMS-2223-12, TMS-2223-13; and HES-2223-01 reported to the Board in Executive Session at the March 9, 2023, meeting.

C. **APPROVAL - Use of Facilities - Slam Jam Sports & More, LLC**

Motion to approve Slam Jam Sports & More, LLC to use Hillside Elementary School gymnasium and grounds June 21 - 23, 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 Conferences**

Motion to approve the following staff conferences:

Staff Member(s): Brianna McSweeney and Shireen Moidu
Conference: NGSS Summer Institute for K-12
Location: Raritan Valley Community College
Date: 7/17/23 - 7/21/23
Cost to Board: \$700 total (\$350 per person)

Staff Member(s): Vincent McHale
Conference: NJASA Spring Leadership Conference
Location: Caesar's, Atlantic City, NJ
Date: 5/17/23 - 5/19/23
Cost to Board: \$518.63 total (No registration fee. Meals, hotel & mileage included)

B. **APPROVAL - Field Trips**

Motion to approve the following field trips:

School: Hillside Elementary School
Group: Grade 4
Month: April 2023
Destination: Turtleback Zoo
Location: West Orange, NJ

FINANCE AND PHYSICAL PLANT COMMITTEE

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

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 - 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 February, 2023.
- b. Board of Education's Monthly Certification of Budgetary Major Account /Fund status for February, 2023.
- c. Transfer of funds for February, 2023.

B. **APPROVAL - Monthly Bills**

Motion to approve payment of bills from March 9, 2023 to March 20, 2023, in the amount of:

General Fund (Fund 10)	\$1,260,645.41
Special Revenue (Fund 20)	\$ 26,253.42
Total	\$1,286,898.83

C. **APPROVAL - Special Services Rates for SY 2023-2024**

Motion to approve the following special services rates for school year 2023-2024:

	<u>Group</u>	<u>Individual</u>
Speech/Session	\$40.00	\$80.00
OT/PT/Session	\$43.00	\$86.00
MSR/Session	\$40.00	\$80.00
Counseling/Session	\$40.00	\$80.00
ELL Session	\$40.00	\$80.00

D. **APPROVAL - Tuition Rates for SY 2023-2024**

Motion to approve the following tuition rates for school year 2023-2024:

Kindergarten	\$18,911**
Grades 1-5	\$17,643**
Grades 6-8	\$16,447**
PreSchool Disabled	\$31,952
LLD	\$25,375
ERI	\$25,375

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E. **APPROVAL - Donation of PPE**

Motion to approve the donation of approximately 400 face shields, and 1,300 disposable gowns to the Closter Volunteer Ambulance and Rescue Corps.

F. **APPROVAL - Purchase of 35 Macbook Air Laptops**

Motion to approve the purchase of 35 MacBook Air laptops from Apple Inc., in the amount of \$45,780 through the Ed Services Commission of NJ Contract: Technology Supplies and Services #MRESC18/19-67 - Apple Contract #1062153.

G. **APPROVAL - Purchase of 40 iPads**

Motion to approve the purchase of 40 iPads from Apple Inc., in the amount of \$27,120 through the Ed Services Commission of NJ Contract: Technology Supplies and Services #MRESC18/19-67 - Apple Contract #1062153.

H. **APPROVAL - Disposal of Five (5) SmartBoards**

Motion to approve obsolete SmartBoards one (1) from Tenakill Middle School, tag number 10247 and four (4) from Hillside Elementary School, tag numbers 10254, 10255, 10257 and 10261.

PERSONNEL AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Chairperson: Ms. Salamea-Cross; Members: Ms. Fanelli, Ms. Finkelstein, Ms. Micera

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 - Student Observer, Devin Rallo, from Bergen Community College**

Motion to approve Devin Rallo, a student from Bergen Community College, for 10 hours of classroom observation in a special education classroom for the 2022-2023 school year.

B. **APPROVAL - Substitute Teachers/Paraprofessionals**

Motion to approve the following substitute teachers/paraprofessionals for the 2022-2023 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Certification</u>
Dena Abdalla	NJ Substitute Certification
Anthony Nelson	Paraprofessional (pending criminal history background check)

C. **APPROVAL - Michelle Lee-Ein as Culture Club Advisor for the 2022-2023 School Year**

Motion to approve Michelle Lee-Ein, TMS Art Teacher, as Culture Club Advisor for the 2022-2023 school year at a stipend of \$486.00 per Schedule F.

D. **APPROVAL - Approval of Hillside School Paraprofessionals**

Motion to approve the following HES paraprofessionals for the 2022-2023 school year, at a salary of \$19.23 per hour, 5.75 hours per day, with a start date pending criminal history background check:

- Lena Dahye Kim
- Bhavisha Parmar
- Robert Petrocelli

E. **APPROVAL - Leave of Absence for Nancy Gronek**

Motion to approve the paid medical leave of absence for Nancy Gronek, TMS Paraprofessional, from March 15, 2023, to April 18, 2023, using 19 sick days, with an anticipated return date of April 19, 2023.

- F. **APPROVAL - Leave of Absence for Washington Young**
 Motion to approve the leave of absence for Washington Young, TMS Paraprofessional, from April 17, 2023 to April 19, 2023, using three (3) personal days, followed by five unpaid FMLA days with an anticipated return date of April 27, 2023.
- G. **APPROVAL - Leave of Absence for Kayce Perkins**
 Motion to approve an unpaid discretionary leave of absence for Kayce Perkins, School Psychologist, from March 17, 2023 to April 16, 2023, with an anticipated return date of April 17, 2023.
- H. **APPROVAL - Transfer of Assignment - Michelle Kuryllo**
 Motion to approve a temporary assignment for Michelle Kuryllo (tenure track) to Kindergarten Support teacher from February 6, 2023, until June 20, 2023.
- I. **APPROVAL - Transfer of Assignment - Kate DeRosa**
 Motion to approve a temporary assignment for Kate DeRosa to Special Education replacement teacher from April 3, 2023, until June 20, 2023. Ms. DeRosa is currently on leave of absence.
- J. **APPROVAL - Transfer of Leave Replacement - Julianna Kadian**
 Motion to approve a transfer of Julianna Kadian as a leave replacement teacher for K.D. from April 3, 2023, until June 20, 2023.
- K. **APPROVAL - Long-Term Substitute**
 Motion to approve James Gerbig as Long-Term Substitute from April 17, 2023, through May 12, 2023. Salary will be BA Step 0, (\$52,309) prorated.
- L. **APPROVAL - Long-Term Substitute**
 Motion to approve Lauren Finan as Long-Term Substitute from May 15, 2023, through June 20, 2023. Salary will be \$200 per day on days one through ten; the beginning of day 11, BA Step 0, (\$52,309) prorated.

POLICY COMMITTEE

Chairperson: Ms. Fanelli; Members: Ms. Finkelstein, Ms. Li, Ms. Micera

Moved by _____, seconded by _____ to approve Motion A.

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

YEAS:

NAYS:

A. **APPROVAL - Second Reading of Policies and Regulations**

Motion to approve the second reading of the following policies and regulations as per Appendix B & C:

- Regulation 2423 Bilingual and ESL Education
- Regulation 2425 Emergency Virtual or Remote Instruction Program
- Regulation 5200 Attendance
- Regulation 8140 Enrollment Accounting
- Regulation 8330 Student Records
- Regulation 8420.2 Bomb Threats
- Regulation 8420.7 Lockdown Procedures
- Regulation 8420.10 Active Shooter
- Policy 0152 Board Officers
- Policy 0161 Call, Adjournment and Cancellation
- Policy 0162 Notice of Board Meetings
- Policy 2423 Bilingual and ESL Education
- Policy 2425 Emergency Virtual or Remote Instruction Program
- Policy 5200 Attendance
- Policy 5512 Harassment, Intimidation or Bullying
- Policy 8140 Student Enrollments
- Policy 8330 Student Records

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
Personnel Matters
Negotiations Update**

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.