

CLOSTER BOARD OF EDUCATION

Closter, New Jersey

AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING

Tenakill Middle School

November 19, 2020 - 7:30 PM

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, 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

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 policy 1120. 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 C.

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

YEAS:

NAYS:

A. APPROVAL - Minutes

Motion to approve the October 29, 2020 minutes.

B. RESOLUTION - Submission of the District Performance Review (DPR) for QSAC

WHEREAS, the Closter Public Schools in the County of Bergen is undergoing evaluation under NJ QSAC for the 2020-2021 school year; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C 6A:30-3.2(f) requires participating school districts to hold a public meeting to approve the submission of the district’s DPR responses with respect to this process;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Closter Board of Education does hereby authorize the Superintendent of Schools to submit the DPR to the Commissioner of Education in compliance with the provisions of N.J.A.C 6A:30-3.2(f) per Appendix A.

C. RESOLUTION - Executive Session Minutes

RESOLVED, that the Closter Public Schools makes available the Executive Session meeting minutes for the following dates in accordance with N.J.S.A. 10:4-13

7/26/18	8/23/18	9/6/18	9/20/18	10/4/18	10/18/18	11/1/18
11/19/18	12/13/18	1/3/19	1/24/19	2/28/19	3/14/19	3/28/19
4/25/19	5/16/19	6/13/19	7/18/19	8/29/19	9/19/19	10/3/19
10/17/19	11/14/19	1/23/20	2/13/20	2/27/20	3/13/20	4/30/20

5/14/20	6/11/20	6/24/20	7/16/20 #2	7/16/20 #1	9/10/20	9/24/20
10/8/20						

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 as recommended to the superintendent by the Principals:

Staff Member: Meghan Pleus
 Course No./Title: EDUC 7604 Multisensory Reading IV
 Institution: Fairleigh Dickinson University
 Credits: 3

Staff Member: Mary Lotito
 Course No./Title: EDUC 7604 Multisensory Reading IV
 Institution: Fairleigh Dickinson University
 Credits: 3

Staff Member: Andrea Watkins
 Course No./Title: EDUC 6626-81 Neurophysiological Basis of Learning Problems
 Institution: Fairleigh Dickinson University
 Credits: 3

B. APPROVAL - Staff Conferences

Motion to approve the following staff conferences:

Staff Member/s: Julia Leibowitz
 Conference: School Climate
 Location: Virtual
 Date: 12/3/20
 Cost to Board: \$90 (for substitute)

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 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 B attached:

- a. Board Secretary and School Treasurer Financial Reports for October 2020.
- b. Board of Education’s Monthly Certification of Budgetary Major Account /Fund status for October 2020.
- c. Transfer of funds for October 2020.

B. APPROVAL - Monthly Bills

Motion to approve payment of bills from October 30, 2020 to November 17, 2020 in the amount of:

General Fund (Fund 10)	\$1,397,324.05
Special Revenue (Fund 20)	\$ 4,053.79
Total	\$1,401,377.84

C. APPROVAL – Purchase of Chromebooks

Motion to retroactively** approve the following Chromebooks purchased from CDW-G through the Ed Services Commission of NJ contract #18/19-03

PO 21B02020 - 27 Chromebooks - \$ 8,581.95

PO 21B02025 - 78 Chromebooks - \$24,792.30

PO 21B02022 - 63 Chromebooks - \$20,024.55

** due to the aggregate purchase now being over the bid threshold

D. APPROVAL – Purchase of Chromebooks & Charging Stations

Motion to approve the purchase of 105 Chromebooks from CDW-G at an estimated amount of \$37,700 through the Ed Services Commission of NJ contract #18/19-03. \$25,000 of the cost is funded by the Municipal CARES grant.

E. APPROVAL – Purchase of Promethean Boards

Motion to approve the purchase of 6 Promethean Boards from Keyboard Consultants in the amount of \$24,666 through NJ State Contract 17-Food-0026617DPP00111, 8/31/17 to 8/30/21.

F. **APPROVAL - Lease Agreement with United Business Systems**

Motion to approve an additional machine to the 60-month contract starting July 1, 2020 with United Business Systems as approved on April 16, 2020. The additional machine is a lease of \$55.24 per month. Copies will be billed at \$0.0035 per black and white copy and \$0.05 per colored copy, and pricing is based on the GSA/NJ State Passthrough G-2075.

PERSONNEL AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Chairperson Ms. Lee, Mr. Lambert

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 - Change of Paraprofessional Hours**

Motion to approve the following change of paraprofessional work hours retroactive October 1, 2020:

Vickie Aponte-Solomon	from 5 hours/day to 4.75 hours/day
Judy Eller	from 4.5 hours/day to 4.25 hours/day

B. **APPROVAL – Family Education Series Staff**

Motion to approve, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following teachers for the Closter Family Education Series Program at a rate of \$50.00/hour per teacher (including preparation and collaboration time) funded by the CARES Act:

- Dara Weiss 6 hours
- Alexandra Earle 3 hours
- Andrea Watkins 3 hours
- Josephine Hunt 3 hours
- Charlene Gerbig 3 hours
- Nancy Saccoccio 3 hours
- Joanne Iyo 3 hours
- Elizabeth Klink 3 hours

C. **APPROVAL - Field Work for Richard Eichenlaub**

Motion to approve Richard Eichenlaub, pending criminal history background check, to do field work with Dianne Smith for the 2020-2021 school year.

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 of Following Policies:**

Motion to approve the first reading of the following policies as per Appendix C attached:

- 1620 *Administrative Employment Contracts*
- 1648 *Restart and Recovery Plan*
- 1648.02 *Remote Learning Options for Families*
- 1648.03 *Restart and Recovery Plan - Full Time Remote Instruction* (new policy)
- 2431 *Athletic Competition*
- 5330.05 *Seizure Action Plan* (new policy)
- 6440 *Cooperative Purchasing*
- 6470.01 *Electronic Funds Transfer and Claimant Certification*
- 7440 *School District Security*
- 7450 *Property Inventory*
- 7510 *Use of School Facilities*

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:

***HIB
Personnel***

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.