

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

MINUTES  
*Special Workshop*  
*Tenakill Middle School*  
*October 29, 2019*  
7:00 PM

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The Board meeting was called to order by President, Mr. Lambert at 7:08 PM

The following Board members were present:

Mr. Lambert, Ms. Bhagat, Ms. Micera, Ms. Kwon, Ms. Finkelstein, Mr. Linn,  
Ms. Sung Min Lee, Ms. Kothari

The following Board members were absent:

Ms. Stephanie Lee

Also present: Mr. McHale and Mr. Villanueva

*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.  
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*PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE*

*DISCUSSION AND DEVELOPMENT OF SY 2019-2020 DISTRICT AND BOARD GOALS*

*Mr. McHale started the board retreat by asking the trustees to share with the group a word that describes Closter Public Schools. The retreat continued by identifying their core beliefs and values. Mr. McHale shared with the board the results of his entry plan interviews. Finally, the board discussed possible district and board goals for the 2019-2020 school year. These goals will be approved at the November 14, 2019 meeting.*

PUBLIC DISCUSSION on AGENDA ITEMS

Moved by Ms Micera, seconded by Mr Linn 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.*

There were no public comments.

Moved by Ms Micera , seconded by Ms Sung Min Lee to resume the regular order of business.

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION COMMITTEE

**Chairperson Ms. Sung Min Lee, Ms. Bhagat, Mr. Linn**

Moved by Ms Micera, seconded by Ms Kothari to approve A-B. Motions were approved by a roll call vote of the Board as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Lambert, Ms. Bhagat, Ms. Micera, Ms. Kwon, Ms. Finkelstein, Mr. Linn,  
Ms. Sung Min Lee, Ms. Kothari

NAYS: None

A. **APPROVAL - Field Trips**

Motion to approve the following field trips:

School: Hillside Elementary  
Group: Grade 1  
Month: January 2020  
Destination: Bergen PAC - Englewood, NJ

School: Hillside Elementary  
Group: Grade 1  
Month: May 2020  
Destination: Turtleback Zoo, West Orange, NJ

B. **APPROVAL - Staff Conferences**

Motion to approve the following staff conferences:

Staff Member/s: Dara Weiss  
Conference: NV Counselors Meeting  
Location: Charles DeWolf Middle School, Old Tappan  
Date: 11/1/19  
Cost to Board: \$0

Staff Member/s: Regina Pesce  
Conference: Reg. III Specialists/Orton-Gillingham Teachers Meeting  
Location: Norwood, NJ  
Date: 11/1/19  
Cost to Board: \$0

Staff Member/s: Andrea Watkins  
Conference: Reg. III Specialists/Orton-Gillingham Teachers Meeting  
Location: Norwood, NJ  
Date: 11/1/19  
Cost to Board: \$0

Staff Member/s: Dianne Smith  
Conference: BCUA Environmental Awareness Grant Check Acceptance Ceremony  
Location: Bergen Community College, Paramus, NJ  
Date: 10/28/19  
Cost to Board: \$0

Staff Member/s: Leanne Schettino  
Conference: Regional Speech Meeting  
Location: NVRHS-D  
Date: 10/29/19  
Cost to Board: \$0

Staff Member/s: Joanne Iyo & Amy Kenny-Whritenour  
Conference: NVCC Tech/STEM Curriculum Meetings  
Location: NVRHS-D  
Date: 11/4/19, 1/27/20, 4/27/20  
Cost to Board: \$0

Staff Member/s: Gila Rachlin  
Conference: Regional Speech Meeting  
Location: NVRHS-D  
Date: 10/29/19  
Cost to Board: \$0

**FINANCE AND PHYSICAL PLANT COMMITTEE**

**Chairperson Ms. Kothari, Ms. Kwon, Ms. Stephanie Lee**

Moved by Ms. Micera, seconded by Ms. Kothari to approve Motions A-B.

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

YEAS: Mr. Lambert, Ms. Bhagat, Ms. Micera, Ms. Kwon, Ms. Finkelstein, Mr. Linn,  
Ms. Sung Min Lee, Ms. Kothari

NAYS: None

A. **APPROVAL - Monthly Bills**

Motion to approve payment of bills from October 16, 2019 to October 28, 2019 in the amount of:

General Fund (Fund 10)	\$768,954.29
Special Revenue (Fund 20)	\$ 4,164.73
TOTAL	\$773,119.02

B. **APPROVAL - Use of Facilities**

Motion to approve the use of the Hillside Elementary School Gymnasium for the PTO After School Sports Program (ASSP). As per the attached schedule, Appendix A.

**PERSONNEL AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

***Chairperson Ms. Finkelstein, Ms. Micera, Mr. Lambert***

Moved by Ms. Micera, seconded by Ms. Sung Min Lee to approve Motions A-B. Motions were approved by a roll call vote of the Board as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Lambert, Ms. Bhagat, Ms. Micera, Ms. Kwon, Ms. Finkelstein, Mr. Linn,  
Ms. Sung Min Lee, Ms. Kothari  
NAYS: None

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

Motion to approve the following substitute teachers for the 2019-2020 school year:

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Certification</u></b>	<b><u>Substitute Teacher/Paraprofessional</u></b>
Rita Tobia	NJ Substitute Certification	Substitute Teacher
Christina Paspalas	Not Applicable	Substitute Paraprofessional
Alice Hodgskin	Not Applicable	Substitute Paraprofessional
Kristie Drake*	Not Applicable	Substitute Paraprofessional
Virgina Mangano*	Not Applicable	Substitute Paraprofessional

\* Pending Criminal History Approval

B. **APPROVAL - PARAPROFESSIONALS**

Motion to approve the following paraprofessionals for the 2019-2020 school year:

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Hourly Rate</u></b>	<b><u>Hours</u></b>	<b><u>Building</u></b>
Hannah Lim	\$18.03	3.5	Hillside Elementary
Eldira Gjata	\$18.03	4.0	Hillside Elementary
Julissa Agramonte*	\$18.03	4.5	Hillside Elementary

\*Pending Criminal History Approval

BOARD COMMITTEES

Mr. Lambert informed the board that the negotiations team will meet with CEA on Monday, November 4th.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Moved by Ms. Micera, seconded by Mr. Linn to open the meeting to public discussion.

There were no public comments

Moved by Ms. Micera, seconded by Ms. Sung Min Lee to close the meeting to public discussion.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Ms. Micera, seconded by Ms. Kwon to adjourn the meeting at 8:56 PM.

Respectfully,



Flgro Villahueva, Jr  
Business Administrator/Board Secretary