

CLOSTER BOARD OF EDUCATION

Closter, New Jersey

AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING

Tenakill Middle School

October 29, 2024 - 7:30 PM

Call to order: _____ @ _____ P.M.

Roll Call:	Mr. Choi	_____
	Ms. Fanelli	_____
	Ms. Kwon	_____
	Ms. Li	_____
	Ms. Micera	_____
	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

BOARD COMMITTEES

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 - F.

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

YEAS:

NAYS:

A. APPROVAL - Board of Education Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the October 8, 2024, and October 18, 2024, Board of Education 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 TMS-2425-03 and TMS-2425-04 as reported to the Board in Executive Session at the October 18, 2024, meeting.

C. ACKNOWLEDGMENT - School Bus Emergency Evacuation Drill - HES

The Board acknowledges that Hillside Elementary School successfully conducted its first emergency school bus exit drill, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:27-11.2, at 8:15 a.m. on October 16, 2024, at the school's location, 340 Homans Avenue. Andrew Enrique, Board Office Assistant, was the staff member in charge. The drill was for the Closter 2 route and subscription students.

D. ACKNOWLEDGMENT - School Bus Emergency Evacuation Drill - TMS

The Board acknowledges that Tenakill Middle School successfully conducted its first emergency school bus exit drill, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:27-11.2, at 7:55 a.m. on October 16, 2024, at Tenakill Middle School, 275 High Street; Andrew Enrique, Board Office Assistant, was the staff member in charge. The drill was for the Closter 2 route and subscription students.

E. **APPROVAL - Use of Facilities for Closter Girl Scouts Troop #98006**

Motion to approve Closter Girl Scouts Troop #98006 to hold their monthly meeting in a classroom at Tenakill School during the 2024-2025 school year.

F. **RESOLUTION - Accepting the Resignation of Board Trustee Chris Kwon**

WHEREAS, Chris Kwon has served as a dedicated member of the Closter Board of Education since October 2014, providing valuable insight and leadership during her tenure and;

WHEREAS, Chris Kwon has submitted her resignation from the Closter Board of Education, effective November 12, 2024;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Closter Board of Education, with deep appreciation for her service and contributions to the district, hereby accepts the resignation of Chris Kwon, effective November 12, 2024;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Closter Board of Education extends its sincere gratitude to Chris Kwon for her ten years of dedicated service and wishes her success in her future endeavors.

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION COMMITTEE

Chairperson: Ms. Wagner; Members: Ms. Salamea-Cross, Ms. Yeoh

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 - Staff Coursework**

Motion to approve the following courses for the 2024-2025 school year as recommended to the Superintendent by the Principals:

Staff Member:	Julia Palmeri
Course No./Title:	1) ELCL 6290: Research I 2) ELCL 6300: Research II
Institution:	William Paterson University
Credits:	6 (3 credits each)

B. **APPROVAL - Staff Conferences**

Motion to approve the following staff conferences for the 2024-2025 school year:

Staff Member(s): Roy John
Conference: Building Thinking Classrooms in Mathematics-Phase 2
Location: Northern Valley Regional High School-Old Tappan (subject to change)
Date: 1/17/25
Cost to Board: \$128.48 (Substitute and estimated mileage)

Staff Member(s): Michelle Lee-Ein
Conference: Visual Art and Cognitive Development
Location: The Art School at Old Church, Demarest, NJ
Date: 11/19/24
Cost to Board: \$126.50 (Substitute and mileage)

Staff Member(s): Charlene Gerbig
Conference: NJDOE Working Group on Student Literacy
Location: Trenton, NJ
Date: 10/28/24 and 1/28/25
Cost to Board: \$406.04 (Substitute and mileage)

Staff Member(s): Joe Scaglione
Conference: Integrated Pest Management
Location: Mahwah, NJ
Date: 2/21/25
Cost to Board: \$24.72 (Mileage)

Staff Member(s): Joe Scaglione
Conference: Indoor Air Quality
Location: Mahwah, NJ
Date: 2/7/25
Cost to Board: \$24.72 (Mileage)

Staff Member(s): Ellen Norton
Conference: Buehler Challenger Center
Location: Paramus, NJ
Date: 12/11/24
Cost to Board: \$133.65 (Substitute and mileage)

Staff Member(s): Christine Cipollini
Conference: BCPSA Launch Meeting (BC Principals & Supervisors Assoc.)
Location: Hackensack, NJ
Date: 10/30/24
Cost to Board: \$7.61 (Mileage)

Staff Member(s): Christine Cipollini
Conference: BCPSA Leadership Power Hours - Middle School
Location: TBD
Date: 11/21/24, 1/30/25, 3/27/25
Cost to Board: \$100.00 (Estimated mileage)

C. **APPROVAL - Field Trips**

Motion to approve the following field trips for the 2024-2025 school year:

School: Hillside School
Group: Grade 3
Month: May 2025
Destination: Carnegie Hall
Location: New York, NY

School: Hillside School
Group: Grade 1
Month: May 2025
Destination: Turtle Back Zoo
Location: West Orange, NJ

School: Tenakill School
Group: SGLC - Ms. Kuryllo and Ms. Saccoccio
Month: November 2024
Destination: Target, Whole Foods, Rudy's (Walking trip)
Location: Closter, NJ

School: Hillside School
Group: SGLC - Ms. Engle and Ms. Saccoccio
Month: November 2024
Destination: Target, Post Office (Walking trip)
Location: Closter, NJ

School: Hillside School
 Group: Mr. Gerbig and Ms. Saccoccio
 Month: November 2024
 Destination: Target, Post Office (Walking trip)
 Location: Closter, NJ

D. APPROVAL - Tenakill Middle School Student Council Fundraisers

Motion to approve the following TMS Student Council fundraisers:

- Food Drive (October/November 2024) - proceeds will go to the Closter Food Pantry
- Movie Night! (November/December 2024) - proceeds will go toward an anti-bullying assembly

FINANCE AND PHYSICAL PLANT COMMITTEE

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

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 - 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 September 2024.
- b. Board of Education's Monthly Certification of Budgetary Major Account /Fund status for September 2024.
- c. Transfer of funds for September 2024.

B. APPROVAL - Monthly Bills

Motion to approve payment of bills from October 21, 2024, to October 29, 2024, in the amount of:

General Fund (Fund 10)	\$1,238,394.77
Special Revenue (Fund 20)	\$ 3,454.30
Capital Projects (Fund 30)	\$ 215,191.80
Total	\$1,457,040.87

C. **APPROVAL – Special Education Placements**

Motion to approve the following 2024-2025 Special Education placements for Closter Students:

<u>NJSMART#</u>	<u>Tuition</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Placement</u>
5162550077	\$49,555.50	8	North Hudson Academy

PERSONNEL AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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

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 Julia Palmeri as Tenakill School Coordinator for One Book, One School**

Motion to approve the appointment of Julia Palmeri as the Tenakill School coordinator for One Book, One School for the 2024-2025 school year for \$500.

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

Motion to approve the following substitute teachers/paraprofessionals/custodians for the 2024-2025 School Year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>
Rosa Kim	Substitute Teacher
Lauren Rosenberg	Substitute Teacher

C. **APPROVAL - Appointment of Lisa Posner as Paraprofessional for the 2024-2025 School Year**

Motion to approve the appointment of Lisa Posner as a paraprofessional for the 2024-2025 school year, 5.75 hours per day, at a salary of \$20.89 per hour, with a start date pending criminal history background check.

D. **APPROVAL - Learners Compass Therapists for Student ID #371001**

Motion to approve Sara Ban and Christa Magee, parent-paid therapists from Learners Compass, for Student ID #371001 for the 2024-2025 school year. Fingerprints on file with Learners Compass.

POLICY COMMITTEE

Chairperson: Ms. Fanelli; Members: 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 Policy #2365 - Acceptable Use of AI**

Motion to approve the second reading of Policy #2365 - Acceptable Use of AI per appendix B.

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 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

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.