

CLOSTER BOARD OF EDUCATION

Closter, New Jersey

AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING

Tenakill Middle School

April 4, 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

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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 22, 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) incident(s) #TMS-2223-14 reported to the Board in Executive Session at the March 22, 2023, meeting.

C. **APPROVAL - Use of Facilities for Closter Recreation**

Motion to approve Closter Recreation Department to use Tenakill Middle School gymnasium beginning April 2023 - June 2023 for a volleyball camp.

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION COMMITTEE

Chairperson: Dr. Puttannah; Members: Ms. Finkelstein, Ms. Wagner, Ms. Yeoh

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 - Staff Conferences**

Motion to approve the following staff conferences:

Staff Member(s): Kathy Hedenberg, Gila Rachlin & Leanne Schettino
Conference: Speech Therapy (SpeechTherapyPD.com)
Location: Virtual
Date: Open until 6/30/23
Cost to Board: \$354.00 total

Staff Member(s): Kate Weisenseel
Conference: Northern Valley Counselors Meeting
Location: HES
Date: 4/27/23
Cost to Board: \$0

B. **APPROVAL - Field Trips**

Motion to approve the following field trips:

School: Tenakill Middle School
Group: Grade 5
Month: May 2023
Destination: Liberty Science Center
Location: Jersey City, NJ

C. **APPROVAL - Staff Coursework**

Motion to approve the following courses for 2022-2023 as recommended to the Superintendent by the Principals:

Staff Member: Min Jeong Kim
Course No./Title: 1) MA 934 Culturally Responsive Mathematics Teaching
2) EDU 921 Writing in the Mathematics Classroom
Institution: Fresno Pacific University
Credits: 6 total (3 credits each)

Staff Member: Leigh Bomzer
Course No./Title: 1) MA 934 Culturally Responsive Mathematics Teaching
2) EDU 921 Writing in the Mathematics Classroom
Institution: Fresno Pacific University
Credits: 6 total (3 credits each)

FINANCE AND PHYSICAL PLANT COMMITTEE

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

Moved by _____, seconded by _____ to approve Motions A - G.

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

YEAS:

NAYS:

A. APPROVAL - Monthly Bills

Motion to approve payment of bills from March 24, 2023 to March 31, 2023, in the amount of:

General Fund (Fund 10)	\$680,270.50
Special Revenue (Fund 20)	\$ 7,280.19
Total	\$687,550.69

B. APPROVAL - Monthly Bills

Motion to approve payment of bills from April 1, 2023 to April 3, 2023, in the amount of:

General Fund (Fund 10)	\$345,374.32
Special Revenue (Fund 20)	\$ 6,386.52
Enterprise (Milk – Fund 60)	\$ 1,077.48
Total	\$352,838.32

C. APPROVAL – Special Education Placements

Motion to approve the following 2022-2023 Special Education placements for Closter Students:

<u>NJSMART#</u>	<u>Tuition</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Placement</u>
4653986607	\$24,343.88	6	Park Academy

D. APPROVAL – Acceptance of School Climate Change Pilot Grant

Motion to accept the School Climate Change Pilot Grant in the amount of \$6,660 as approved by the NJ Department of Education on March 24, 2023. The grant is to support the school district’s implementation of the NJ Student Learning Standards for Climate Change Education. Closter Public Schools also certifies that:

- The above referenced grant shall be implemented in accordance with the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023. Notification of Grant Award and the approved FY 2023 School Climate Change Pilot application, including assurances, filed with the NJDOE which was used as the basis of awarding the grant.
- The grant shall be administered and monitored in accordance with the appropriate state

and federal regulations.

- Wherever the program supported with these funds involves the procurement of goods or services from vendors or consultants, written contracts between LEA and such vendors or consultants, and the award for such contracts, shall be in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A-1, et-seq.

E. **APPROVAL – Purchase of 180 Chromebooks**

Motion to approve the purchase of 180 chromebooks for Tenakill Middle School from CDW-G in the amount of \$97,050.60 through the Educational Services Commission of NJ contract - CBK ESCNJ/AEPA-22G.

F. **APPROVAL - Settlement Agreement**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Closter Board of Education (hereinafter referred to as the “Board”) that the terms, stipulations and conditions as established in the Settlement Agreement and Release (hereinafter referred to as “Agreement”) between the Board and the Parents of a student whose name is on file in the Superintendent’s office, and which Agreement is located in the student’s file, are hereby adopted and approved by the Board. The Board President and Business Administrator/Board Secretary are hereby authorized and directed to execute the Settlement Agreement and Release, and any other documents necessary to effectuate the settlement.

G. **APPROVAL – Educational Services Contract with Learn Well**

Motion to approve the educational services contract with Learn Well for student #6176799742 at an estimated cost of \$9,675.25 for the remainder of SY 2022-2023.

PERSONNEL AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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

Moved by _____ , seconded by _____ to approve Motions A - G.

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

YEAS:

NAYS:

A. **APPROVAL - Volunteers for Tenakill Middle School Trips**

Motion to approve the following volunteers for the spring overnight field trips for grades 6, 7 and 8 (names with asterisk do not yet have fingerprint approval returned):

- Alvarado, Ana** (8)
- Cho, Christopher (8)
- Choi, Youngjun (7)
- Coetzer, Claudia (8)
- Dhan, Felice Lynn** (6)
- Estrems, Marilyn** (8)
- Hughes, Jodi (6)
- Keren, Yamit Jamie** (6)

- Li, Jia Dee (6)
- Mizrakhi, Stella (7)
- Premani, Farheen (8)
- Reines, Cindy** (6)
- Sabnani, (Anil) Atemjeet (8)
- Shemesh, Aviad** (6)
- Torgovicky, Rafael (6)
- Tripodi, Lisa (7)
- Umit-Diskaya, Betul (6)
- Yacouel, David (6)
- Yodfat, Inbar (7)
- Zeweldie, Meaza H.** (6)

B. APPROVAL - Leave of Absence for Difei Shi for the 2023-2024 School Year

Motion to approve an unpaid leave of absence for Difei Shi, TMS Mandarin Teacher, from September 1, 2023, through October 30, 2023, with an anticipated return date of October 31, 2023, using 8 out of her 12 weeks of FMLA.

C. APPROVAL - Leave of Absence for Gila Rachlin

Motion to approve the leave of absence for Gila Rachlin, Speech Therapist, from April 17, 2023, to May 5, 2023, using 15 sick days with an anticipated return date of May 8, 2023.

D. APPROVAL - Resignation of Kayce Perkins, School Psychologist

Motion to approve, with regrets, the resignation of Kayce Perkins, School Psychologist, as of April 21, 2023.

E. APPROVAL - Substitute Teachers

Motion to approve the following substitute teachers for the 2022-2023 School Year:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Certification</i>
Nahuel Quiroga	Pending NJ Substitute Certification & criminal history verification
Lena Kim	NJ Substitute Certification (as needed)

F. APPROVAL - Michelle Durocher as Chaperone for the 8th Grade Washington D.C. Trip - May 2023

Motion to approve Michelle Durocher as a chaperone on the 8th grade trip to Washington D.C. in May 2023 at a stipend of \$150 per night.

G. APPROVAL - Joan Romo, School Psychologist

Motion to approve Joan Romo as part-time School Psychologist, for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year at the hourly rate of MA60 Step 17, or \$76.61, equivalent to a salary of \$111,084, pending clearance from the NJ Division of Pension and Benefits.

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:

**Personnel Matters
Negotiations Update
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.

ADJOURNMENT

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