

# CLOSTER BOARD OF EDUCATION

*Closter, New Jersey*

MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING

*Tenakill Middle School*

*December 11, 2023 - 4:00 PM*

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The Board meeting was called to order by Ms. Finkelstein at 4:00 PM.

The following Board members were present:

Ms. Yeoh, Ms. Kwon, Ms. Wagner, Ms. Salamea-Cross, Ms. Finkelstein, Ms. Micera

The following Board members were absent:

Dr. Puttannah, Ms. Li, Ms. Fanelli

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, 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**

## **PUBLIC DISCUSSION ON AGENDA ITEMS**

Moved by Ms. Micera ▾, seconded by Ms. Yeoh ▾ 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.*

***There were no public comments.***

Moved by Ms. Micera ▾, seconded by Ms. Salamea-Cross ▾ to resume the regular order of business.

## CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION COMMITTEE

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

Moved by Ms. Wagner , seconded by Ms. Micera to approve Motion A.

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

YEAS: Ms. Yeoh, Ms. Kwon, Ms. Wagner, Ms. Salamea-Cross, Ms. Finkelstein, Ms. Micera

NAYS: None

### **A. APPROVAL - Field Trip**

Motion to approve the following field trip:

School:	Tenakill Middle School
Group:	Science Olympiad
Month:	January 2024
Destination:	NJIT
Location:	Newark, NJ

## PERSONNEL AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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

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

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

YEAS: Ms. Yeoh, Ms. Kwon, Ms. Wagner, Ms. Salamea-Cross, Ms. Finkelstein, Ms. Micera

NAYS: None

### **A. APPROVAL - Catherine Gibney as Special Education Teacher**

Motion to approve the appointment of Catherine Gibney as Special Education Teacher (tenure track position) for the 2023-2024 school year, at a salary of \$105,149, MA +15, Step 17, pending criminal history background check. Her anticipated start date is on or about February 2024.

### **B. APPROVAL - Sonia Astudillo as Tenakill Middle School Paraprofessional**

Motion to approve the appointment of Sonia Astudillo as TMS Paraprofessional for the 2023-2024 school year, at a rate of \$20.22 per hour, 5.75 hours per day, effective on or about January/February 2024, pending criminal history background check.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

Moved by Ms. Micera , seconded by Ms. Salamea-Cross to open the meeting to public comments.

*There were no public comments.*

Moved by Ms. Micera , seconded by Ms. Salamea-Cross 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:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Closter Board of Education will adjourn to a Closed Session to discuss the following:

**No Closed Session**

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 Ms. Micera , seconded by Ms. Salamea-Cross to adjourn the meeting at 4:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Floro M. Villanueva, Jr.  
Business Administrator/Board Secretary