

CLOSTER BOARD OF EDUCATION

Closter, New Jersey

AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING

Tenakill Middle School

September 22, 2022 - 7:30 PM

Call to order: _____ @ _____ P.M.

Roll Call:

Ms. Fanelli	_____
Ms. Kothari	_____
Ms. Kwon	_____
Ms. Micera	_____
Dr. Puttanniah	_____
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, 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

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 - G.

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

YEAS:

NAYS:

A. **APPROVAL - Minutes**

Motion to approve September 8, 2022, minutes.

B. **APPROVAL - School Nursing Plan for the 2022-2023 School Year**

Motion to approve the School Nursing Plan for the 2022-2023 school year as per Appendix A attached.

C. **APPROVAL - Use of Facilities for the PTO After School Sports Program**

Motion to approve the use of Hillside Elementary Gym for the PTO After School Sports Program for the 2022-2023 school year.

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

Motion to approve Troop #98006 to hold their monthly meeting in a classroom at Hillside Elementary School during the 2022-2023 school year.

E. **APPROVAL - Memorandum of Agreement between the Closter Police Department and the Closter School District for the 2022-2023 School Year**

Motion to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the Closter Police Department and the Closter School District for the 2022-2023 School Year.

F. **APPROVAL - Chapter 27 Emergency Virtual or Remote Learning Plan for the 2022-2023 School Year**

Motion to approve the Chapter 27 Emergency Virtual or Remote Learning Plan for the 2022-2023 school year which may only be used for emergency school closure of three days or more, as per Appendix B attached.

G. **APPROVAL - Paraprofessional Statement of Assurances-First Half of 2022-2023 School Year**

Motion to approve the Paraprofessional Statement of Assurances for the first half of the 2022-2023 school year.

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION COMMITTEE

Chairperson: Dr. Puttannah; Members: Ms. Finkelstein, Ms. Wagner, 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 2022-2023 as recommended to the Superintendent by the Principals:

Staff Member: Laura Abbey
Course No./Title: 1) PED-922 Social Emotional Learning Through Sports & P.E.
2) MUS-903 Movement and Music
Institution: Fresno Pacific University
Credits: 6 (3 credits each)

Staff Member: Rachel Fineman
Course No./Title: ELAD 635 Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment
Institution: Montclair State University
Credits: 3

Staff Member: Julia Leibowitz
Course No./Title: ELRL 6010 Theoretical Foundations of Literacy
Institution: William Paterson University
Credits: 3

Staff Member: Brittany Steele
Course No./Title: ED 5554 Socio-Cultural Context of Reading Instruction
Institution: Capella University
Credits: 3

B. **APPROVAL - Staff Conferences**

Motion to approve the following staff conferences:

Staff Member(s): Leanne Schettino
Conference: Assessment, Eligibility & Dismissal in Schools
Location: Virtual
Date: October 20-21, 2022
Cost to Board: \$349.00

Staff Member(s): Jennifer Annese, Alyssa Levy, Regina Pesce, Meghan Pleus, Lori Scalera
Conference: NJIDA A Kaleidoscope of Experts on Key Issues in Literacy
Location: Virtual
Date: October 14-15, 2022
Cost to Board: \$980.00

Staff Member(s): William Tantum & Dianne Smith
Conference: SNAP Conference
Location: Garfield, NJ
Date: October 25, 2022
Cost to Board: \$0

Staff Member(s): Kate Weisenseel
Conference: Bergen County Technical Schools Admission Information Process
Location: Bergen County Academies Auditorium Hackensack Campus
Date: October 7, 2022
Cost to Board: \$0

Staff Member(s): Kate Weisenseel
Conference: The Role of the School Climate Team
Location: Virtual
Date: October 28, 2022
Cost to Board: \$0

C. **APPROVAL - Northern Valley Curriculum Center 2022-2023 Course Catalog**

Motion to approve the 2022-2023 NVCC Course Catalog for staff members, per Appendix C, attached hereto.

D. **APPROVAL - Field Trips**

Motion to approve the following field trips for the 2022-2023 school year:

School: Tenakill Middle School
Group: Grade 8
Month: November
Destination: Statue of Liberty / Ellis Island
Location: NYC, NY

FINANCE AND PHYSICAL PLANT COMMITTEE

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

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

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 D attached:

- a. Board Secretary and School Treasurer Financial Reports for August 2022.
- b. Board of Education's Monthly Certification of Budgetary Major Account /Fund status for August 2022.
- c. Transfer of funds for August 2022.

B. **APPROVAL - Monthly Bills**

Motion to approve payment of bills from September 9, 2022 to September 22, 2022, in the amount of:

General Fund (Fund 10)	\$1,187,787.16
Special Revenue (Fund 20)	\$ 241,920.18
Debt Service (Fund 40)	\$ 12,690.00
Total	\$1,442,397.34

C. **APPROVAL - Staff Remuneration**

Motion to approve remuneration to staff members as follows:

Staff Member: Amanda Cummings
Course: Teaching Grammar in Context
College/University: Fresno Pacific University
Remuneration: \$424.00

D. **APPROVAL – Speech Language Services**

Motion to approve the contract with United Therapy Solutions, for Speech Language services at a rate of \$95.00/hour. These services will only be used in the event of staff absence to ensure continuity of service.

E. **APPROVAL – Speech Language Services**

Motion to approve the contract with Pamela Bern, for Speech Language services at a rate of \$80.00/hour. These services will only be used in the event of staff absence to ensure continuity of service.

PERSONNEL AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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

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 - Movement on the Salary Guide for the 2022-2023 School Year**

Motion to approve movement on the salary guide for the following employees for the 2022-2023 school year, retroactive to September 1, 2022:

Name	Current Placement	New Placement	Step	Salary
Elizabeth Klink	BA +15	BA +30	5	\$66,376
Kathy Lee	MA +15	MA +30	10	\$86,672
Julia Leibowitz	BA	BA +15	3	\$58,969
Jamie Morgan	MA +15	MA +30	6	\$78,954
William Potkulski	MA +30	MA +60	16	\$108,134

B. **APPROVAL - Substitute Teachers**

Motion to approve the following substitute teachers for the 2022-2023 school year, pending criminal history verification:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Certification</u>
Kelly Kawaguchi	NJ Teacher Certification
Urvashi Ghia	NJ Substitute Certification

C. **APPROVAL – Hillside Elementary School Academic Support Program Staff**

Motion to approve, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following teachers for Hillside Elementary School Academic Support Program (funded by ESSER II/ CRRSA Grant and American Rescue Plan Grant) starting October 11, 2022, at a rate of \$50.00/hour per teacher:

- Rebecca Dippolito
- Charlene Gerbig
- Brianna McSweeney
- Daniella Riecken
- Jennifer Smith
- Kristin Talty
- Michael Wowkun

D. **APPROVAL – Tenakill Middle School Academic Support Program Staff**

Motion to approve, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following teachers for Tenakill Middle School Academic Support Program (funded by ESSER II/ CRRSA Grant and American Rescue Plan Grant) starting October 11, 2022, at a rate of \$50.00/hour per teacher:

- Paul Aguirre
- Mary Auriti
- Karen Caruso
- Margaret Churchill
- Erika Dunn
- Julia Leibowitz
- Jeffrey Roem
- Christopher Rota
- Brittany Steele
- Matthew Vassallo
- Substitutes: Jake Fiordelisi, Brianna McSweeney, Shireen Moidu, Daniella Riecken, Michael Wowkun

E. **APPROVAL – After-School Professional Development**

Motion to approve, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the payment of \$50.00/hour for any teaching staff, and the hourly rate for paraprofessionals attending after-school professional development programs organized by the building principals for SY 22-23. The program is funded by the American Rescue Plan - Accelerated Learning Coach and Educator Support Grant.

- F. **APPROVAL - Schedule F Stipends for HES and TMS**
Motion to approve the 2022-2023 Schedule F: Extracurricular Activity Positions and Stipends for Hillside Elementary School and Tenakill Middle School as per Appendix E attached.
- G. **APPROVAL - Bass ABA Therapists for Student ID #361001**
Motion to approve the following parent-paid Bass ABA Therapist for Student #361001 for the 2022-2023 school year, pending criminal history background check:
- Myrna Bassam

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:

(If required)

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.