

CLOSTER BOARD OF EDUCATION

Closter, New Jersey

AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING

Tenakill Middle School

December 10, 2020 - 7:30 PM

Call to order: _____ @ _____ **P.M.**

Roll Call:	Ms. Bhagat	_____
	Ms. Cross	_____
	Ms. Kothari	_____
	Ms. Kwon	_____
	Ms. Lee	_____
	Mr. Linn	_____
	Ms. Micera	_____
	Ms. Finkelstein	_____
	Mr. Lambert	_____

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

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 policy 1120. 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 - B.

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

YEAS:

NAYS:

A. APPROVAL - Minutes

Motion to approve the November 19, 2020 minutes.

B. APPROVAL - Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying (HIB)

Motion to affirm the decision of the Superintendent of Schools regarding Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying (HIB) TMS-2021-02 incident reported to the Board in Executive Session at the November 19, 2020, Workshop Meeting.

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION COMMITTEE

Chairperson Ms. Bhagat, Mr. Linn, Ms. Cross

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

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 2020-2021 as recommended to the superintendent by the Principals:

Staff Member: Jennifer Annese
Course No./Title: EDUC 6626 Neurophysical Basis of Learning Problems
Institution: Fairleigh Dickinson University
Credits: 3

Staff Member: Eileen Kennedy
Course No./Title: 1) 15:293:527 Remediation of Learning Disabilities
2) 15:293:636 Practicum in Special Ed.

Institution: Rutgers University
Credits: 6

Staff Member: Brittany Steele
Course No./Title: ED5503 Classroom Management Strategies
Institution: Cappella University
Credits: 4

Staff Member: Catherine Ricca
Course No./Title: Phonics First
Institution: Ashland University
Credits: 1

B. **APPROVAL - Staff Conferences**

Motion to approve the following staff conferences:

Staff Member/s: Floro Villanueva Jr.
Conference: Human Resource Workshop
Location: Virtual
Date: December 16, 2020
Cost to Board: \$99.00

Staff Member/s: Dana Lindbloom (Demarest-Shared Employee)
Conference: The Nine Building Blocks of Supervision (Course must be taken in order for Dana to be a mentor for a new hire.)
Location: Virtual
Date: Self-Paced
Cost to Board: \$55.00

FINANCE AND PHYSICAL PLANT COMMITTEE

Chairperson Ms. Kwon, Ms. Kothari, Ms. Finkelstein

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 November 2020.
- b. Board of Education's Monthly Certification of Budgetary Major Account /Fund status for November 2020.
- c. Transfer of funds for November 2020.

B. **APPROVAL - Monthly Bills**

Motion to approve payment of bills from November 20, 2020 to December 7, 2020 in the amount of:

General Fund (Fund 10)	\$175,936.88
Special Revenue (Fund 20)	\$ 50,260.92
Total	\$226,197.80

C. **APPROVAL - Disposal of Outdated Smart Boards**

Motion to approve the disposal of two(2) outdated Smart Boards from Hillside Elementary School; tag numbers 10100 and 10116.

PERSONNEL AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Chairperson Ms. Lee, Mr. Lambert

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 - Substitute Teachers and Custodians**

Motion to approve the following substitute teachers for the 2020-2021 school Year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Certification</u>
William Angresano	NJ Substitute Certification
Catherine Chow	NJ Substitute Certification
Hyewon Cho	NJ Substitute Certification

Substitute Custodians

Cirilo Carbajal	Pending a criminal history background check
Yaneth Carbajal	Pending a criminal history background check

B. **APPROVAL - Special Education Teacher**

Motion to approve Payal Sadarangani as tenure track Special Education Teacher for the 2020-2021 school year at a salary of \$67,014, MA Step 4, starting as soon as possible, pending a criminal history background check.

C. **APPROVAL - Long-Term Leave Replacement - Speech Language Pathologist**

Motion to approve Thomas Fahey as Long-Term Leave Replacement - Speech Language Pathologist - from February 22 through May 14, 2021. Salary will be \$200 per day on days 1 through 10; then beginning on day 11, MA Step 0 - \$59,714 pro-rated, pending criminal history background check.

D. **APPROVAL - Long-Term Leave Replacement - M.S. Science Teacher**

Motion to approve Erica Kauffman as Long-Term Leave Replacement - Middle School Science Teacher - from January 4 through June 22, 2021. Salary will be \$200 per day on days 1 through 10; the beginning on day 11, MA Step 0 - \$59,714 pro-rated, pending criminal history background check.

E. **APPROVAL – Academic Support Program Staff**

Motion to approve, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following teachers for the Academic Support Program at a rate of \$50.00/hour per teacher funded by the CARES Act:

- Kristin Talty - 12 sessions
- Charlene Gerbig - 12 sessions
- Patricia Brett - 12 sessions
- Jamie Marotti - 12 sessions
- Katharine Meyers - 12 sessions
- Kathy Lee - 5 sessions
- Eileen Kennedy - 5 sessions

F. **APPROVAL - Schedule F Stipends for HES & TMS**

Motion to approve the 2020-2021 Schedule F: Extracurricular Activity Positions and Stipends for Hillside Elementary School and Tenakill Middle School as per Appendix B attached.

G. **APPROVAL - Family Leave**

Motion to approve Leanne Schettino a paid maternity leave from February 22, 2021, through March 29, 2021, using 26 sick days, unpaid from March 30, 2021 through May 14, 2021, under FMLA and NJFLA with an anticipated return date of May 17, 2021.

POLICY COMMITTEE

Chairperson Ms. Micera. Ms. Kothari

Moved by _____, seconded by _____ to approve Motion A.
Motion was _____ by a roll call vote of the Board as follows:

A. **APPROVAL - Second Reading of Following Policies:**

Motion to approve the second reading of the following policies as per Appendix C attached:

- 1620 *Administrative Employment Contracts*
- 1648 *Restart and Recovery Plan*
- 1648.02 *Remote Learning Options for Families*
- 1648.03 *Restart and Recovery Plan - Full-Time Remote Instruction (new policy)*
- 2431 *Athletic Competition*
- 5330.05 *Seizure Action Plan (new policy)*
- 6440 *Cooperative Purchasing*
- 6470.01 *Electronic Funds Transfer and Claimant Certification*
- 7440 *School District Security*
- 7450 *Property Inventory*
- 7510 *Use of School Facilities*

BOARD COMMITTEES

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.