

CLOSTER BOARD OF EDUCATION

Closter, New Jersey

AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING

Tenakill Middle School

February 25, 2021 - 7:30 PM

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

Roll Call:

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| Ms. Bhagat | _____ |
| Ms. Kothari | _____ |
| Ms. Kwon | _____ |
| Ms. Lee | _____ |
| Mr. Linn | _____ |
| Ms. Micera | _____ |
| Dr. Puttanniah | _____ |
| Ms. 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

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- C.

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

YEAS:

NAYS:

A. **APPROVAL - Minutes**

Motion to approve February 4, 2021 minutes.

B. **RESOLUTION - Staff Vaccination**

WHEREAS Closter Public Schools have been providing in-person instruction in a hybrid format since September 9, 2020, and employees have been working in-person despite the risk to themselves and their loved ones in the midst of the pandemic; and

WHEREAS public schools have a profound impact on millions of students, families, and staff and are charged with the care, education, nourishment of their students and are an integral part of the health and safety of our communities; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 Vaccination Plan published by the State of New Jersey Department of Health (December 15, 2020, pgs. 36-37) prioritizes the availability of vaccines to “essential workers” in Phase 1B of the vaccine protocol; and

WHEREAS teacher, administrator and staff vaccinations will allow the Closter School District to increase the number of in-person days provided to students by protecting staff; and

WHEREAS, school district staff at all levels are essential to the day-to-day operations of this district, responsible for the thorough and efficient education of all students and their social and emotional well-being, are critical for virtual and in-class instruction and are “essential workers;”

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Closter Board of Education finds a substantial public purpose exists to request that Governor Murphy give immediate priority in the statewide administration of the COVID-19 vaccine to all public school district personnel.

C. **APPROVAL - 2021-2022 School Calendar**

Motion to approve the Closter Public Schools 2021-2022 School Calendar as per Appendix A.

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION COMMITTEE

Chairperson Ms. Lee, Ms. Cross, Dr. Puttanniah

Moved by _____, seconded by _____ to approve Motion A.

Motion was _____ 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: William Potkulski
Course Nos./Titles: (1) EDUC 713J Motivating Students Who Don't Care; and
(2) EDUC 711X Creating a Mindful Environment
Institution: University of LaVerne
Credits: 6 (3 credits per course)

FINANCE AND PHYSICAL PLANT COMMITTEE

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

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 - 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 B attached:

- a. Board Secretary and School Treasurer Financial Reports for January 2021.
- b. Board of Education's Monthly Certification of Budgetary Major Account /Fund status for January 2021.
- c. Transfer of funds for January 2021.

B. **APPROVAL - Monthly Bills**

Motion to approve payment of bills from February 5, 2021, to February 25, 2021, in the amount of:

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| General Fund (Fund 10) | \$1,815,686.99 |
| Special Revenue (Fund 20) | \$ 9,707.58 |
| Debt Service (Fund 40) | \$ 282,690.00 |
| Total | \$2,108,084.57 |

C. **APPROVAL - Use of Facilities**

Motion to approve the use of Hillside Elementary School field for the Vikings Soccer Club from March 15, 2021 to June 20, 2021.

D. **APPROVAL - Nursing Contract**

Motion to approve the nursing contract for the 2020 - 2021 school year.

- Starlight Homecare Agency, Inc. d/b/a Star Pediatric Home Care Agency - for SID # 9597653741

PERSONNEL AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Chairperson Ms. Bhagat, Ms. Finkelstein, Mr. Linn

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 - Mentor for Provisionally-Licensed Teacher for 2020-2021 School Year**

Motion to approve Amy Kenny-Whritenour as a mentor to Jennifer Smith. Mentor will be paid by the provisional teacher.

B. **APPROVAL - Leave of Absence for Katelyn Lee**

Motion to approve leave of absence for Katelyn Lee from March 1, 2021, through April 8, 2021, using 9 sick days and 20 FMLA days, with an anticipated return date of April 9, 2021.

C. **APPROVAL - Leave of Absence for Jennifer Levy**

Motion to approve leave of absence for Jennifer Levy from February 22, 2021, using 2.5 sick days, 3.5 days from her sick bank and 1 personal day followed by an unpaid FMLA, with an anticipated return date between March 26, 2021, to April 9, 2021.

D. **APPROVAL - Leave of Absence Replacement**

Motion to approve Kathy Wellenkamp-Keller as leave replacement elementary school teacher from February 24, 2021 through April 9, 2021. Salary will be \$200 per day on days 1 through 10; then beginning on day 11 (March 10, 2021), BA Step 0, \$51,184 pro-rated, ending on April 9, 2021.

E. **APPROVAL - Leave of Absence Extension for Katrina Vastano**

Motion to approve the discretionary leave of absence extension for Katrina Vastano until September 1, 2021.

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:

Legal Matter

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.