

CLOSTER BOARD OF EDUCATION

Closter, New Jersey

AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING

Tenakill Middle School

July 16, 2026 - 7:30 PM

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

Roll Call:

Ms. Argenziano	_____
Mr. Choi	_____
Ms. Estrems	_____
Ms. Lee	_____
Ms. Micera	_____
Ms. Ravid	_____
Mr. Shih	_____
Mr. Paldi	_____
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 meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting their interests is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the provisions of this Act and NJ Statute, the Secretary to the Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be published on the District's official website homepage. The date, time, and place of this meeting were also posted at each school building within the District, at the Board of Education office, and at the Office of the Borough Clerk. Through the end of this calendar year, a notice will also be published in the newspaper. That notice directs the public to the District's official website, where the full meeting notice may be viewed.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRINCIPALS' REPORTS

DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL SERVICES' REPORT

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

BOARD COMMITTEES

PUBLIC COMMENTS 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 - D.

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

YEAS:

NAYS:

A. APPROVAL - Board of Education Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the June 25, 2026, Board of Education 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 TMS-2526-27 as reported to the Board in Executive Session at the June 25, 2026, meeting.

C. APPROVAL - Use of Facilities for KCE Champions - SY 2026-2027

Motion to approve the use of Hillside Elementary School facilities by KCE Champions for the before- and after-school program at a fee of \$1,300 per month, and for fall, winter, and spring enrichment programs at a fee of \$100 per classroom per month.

D. APPROVAL - Virtual or Remote Instruction Programs Plan for the 2026-2027 School Year

Motion to approve the Virtual or Remote Instruction Programs Plan for SY 2026-2027, as per Appendix A attached.

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION COMMITTEE

Chairperson: Ms. Lee; Members: Ms. Argenziano, Ms. Estrems

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

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 for the 2026-2027 school year:

Staff Member(s): Dianne Smith
Conference: LinkIt! Data Forward Summer Institute
Location: Paramus, NJ
Date: 7/22/26 and 7/23/26
Cost to Board: \$350.00

B. **APPROVAL - Field Trips**

Motion to approve the following field trips for the 2026-2027 school year:

School: Tenakill Middle School
Group: Grade 8
Month: May 2027
Destination: Washington, D.C.
Location: Various Locations

School: Tenakill Middle School
Group: Grade 7
Month: May 2027
Destination: Boston, MA
Location: Various Locations

FINANCE AND PHYSICAL PLANT COMMITTEE

Chairperson: Mr. Choi; Members: Ms. Micera, Ms. Ravid, Ms. Finkelstein

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

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. PRELIMINARY Board Secretary and School Treasurer Financial Reports for June 2026.
- b. PRELIMINARY Board of Education's Monthly Certification of Budgetary Major Account and Fund status for June 2026.
- c. PRELIMINARY Transfer of funds for June 2026.

B. **APPROVAL - Payment of Bills**

Motion to approve payment of bills from June 26, 2026, to June 30, 2026, in the amount of:

General Fund (Fund 10)	\$317,218.34
Special Revenue (Fund 20)	\$ 28,347.60
Milk Fund (Fund 60)	\$ 589.66
Total	\$346,155.60

C. **APPROVAL - Payment of Bills**

Motion to approve payment of bills from July 1, 2026, to July 16, 2026, in the amount of:

General Fund (Fund 10)	\$1,056,314.24
Total	\$1,056,314.24

D. **APPROVAL - Staff Remuneration**

Motion to approve remuneration to staff members as follows:

Staff Member: Laura Abbey
Course: Cultural Intelligence in Education and The Happy Classroom
College/University: Fresno Pacific University
Remuneration: \$870.00

E. **APPROVAL – Application & Acceptance of IDEA Grants**

Motion to approve the application and acceptance of IDEA Grants for the 2026-2027 school year in the following amounts:

<u>TOTAL IDEA GRANT</u>	<u>\$ 300,069</u>
IDEA Basic	\$ 287,636
IDEA Preschool	\$ 12,433

F. **APPROVAL - Participation in Region III Transportation Consortium**

Motion to approve the Closter Public Schools' participation in the 2026-2027 Region III Special Education Transportation Consortium, with Northern Valley Regional High School District serving as the Lead Local Education Agency (LEA) for the District's special education transportation services.

G. **APPROVAL - Purchase and Installation of Electrically Operated Divider Curtain Partition from Tri-State Folding Partitions, Inc.**

Motion to approve the purchase and installation of an electrically operated divider curtain partition at Hillside Elementary School from Tri-State Folding Partitions, Inc., in the amount of \$29,500, through the Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission (Fencing Repair &

Replacement #HCESC-CAT/SER-24-19) and Ed-Data Bid 12202, Package #17. This purchase is funded through a generous contribution from the Closter PTO.

H. **APPROVAL – Award of Contract for the Interior and Exterior Door Replacements to C&M Door Controls, Inc.**

Motion to approve the award of the contract for the Interior and Exterior Door Replacements at Tenakill Middle School and Hillside Elementary School (Re-bid) to C&M Door Controls, Inc., the lowest responsible bidder, as follows:

- Base Bid – \$115,751.00
- Alternate No. 1 – \$3,333.00
- Alternate No. 2 – \$3,333.00
- Alternate No. 3 – \$3,333.00
- Alternate No. 4 – \$3,333.00
- Alternate No. 5 – \$3,333.00
- Total Contract Amount – \$132,416.00

Bids were received on July 8, 2026, and the bid submitted by C&M Door Controls, Inc. was found to be responsive in all material respects. This award is conditioned upon the contractor furnishing the required insurance certificate, labor and materials/performance bond, AA201 Project Manning Report, and executed AIA Agreement within ten (10) days of the date of this resolution. The Board Attorney is directed to prepare the agreement consistent with this resolution and the bid documents. The Board President and Business Administrator/Board Secretary are hereby authorized to execute the agreement and any other documents necessary to effectuate this award.

PERSONNEL AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Chairperson: Mr. Paldi; Members: Mr. Shih, Ms. Finkelstein

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 - Appointment of Paraprofessionals for the 2026-2027 School Year**

Motion to approve the appointment of the following paraprofessionals for the 2026-2027 school year, 5.75 hours per day, at a salary of \$22.09 per hour, with a start date of September 1, 2026, pending a criminal history background check:

- Stefanie Horn
- Joung Hee Lee

- B. **APPROVAL - Appointment of Shailajadevi Suva as Paraprofessional for the 2026-2027 School Year**
Motion to approve the appointment of Shailajadevi Suva as paraprofessional for the 2026-2027 school year, 5.75 hours per day, at a salary of \$22.09 per hour, with a start date of September 1, 2026.
- C. **APPROVAL - Appointment of Edlira Gjata as Paraprofessional for the 2026-2027 School Year**
Motion to approve the appointment of Edlira Gjata as paraprofessional for the 2026-2027 school year, 5.75 hours per day, at a salary of \$22.09 per hour, with a start date of September 1, 2026.
- D. **APPROVAL - Business Office Coverage Stipend for Doreen Scarpelli and Ann Suttora**
Motion to approve a stipend of \$3,000 each for Doreen Scarpelli and Ann Suttora for assuming additional responsibilities in covering the Business Office Assistant position from July 1, 2026, through August 17, 2026.

POLICY COMMITTEE

Chairperson: Ms. Micera; Member: Ms. Finkelstein

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

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

YEAS:

NAYS:

- A. **APPROVAL - First Reading of Policies and Regulations**
Motion to approve first reading of the following policies and regulations, as per Appendix C.
- Policy 0142.1 - Nepotism
 - Policy 1220 - Employment of Chief School Administrator
 - Policy 1552 - Sexual Harassment - Staff
 - Regulation 1552 - Sexual Harassment - Staff
- B. **APPROVAL - Abolishment of Policies and Regulations**
Motion to approve the abolishment of the following policies and regulations, as per Appendix D.
- Policy and Regulation 3362- Sexual Harassment (Teaching Staff Members)
 - Policy and Regulation 4352 - Sexual Harassment (Support Staff Members)

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Moved by _____ , seconded by _____ to open the meeting for public comments.

Moved by _____ , seconded by _____ 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:

YEAS:

NAYS:

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

HIB

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.