

CLOSTER BOARD OF EDUCATION

Closter, New Jersey

AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING

Tenakill Middle School

October 29, 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

DLM 2025-2026 ASSESSMENT RESULTS

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 and B.

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

YEAS:

NAYS:

A. APPROVAL - Board of Education Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve October 8, 2026, Board of Education meeting minutes.

B. APPROVAL - Reaffirmation of the Existing Memorandum of Agreement between the Closter School District and the Closter Police Department

Motion to reaffirm the existing Memorandum of Agreement between the Closter School District and the Closter Police Department.

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION COMMITTEE

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

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 - Staff Coursework

Motion to approve the following courses for the 2026-2027 school year as recommended to the Superintendent by the Principals:

Staff Member:	Lina Orejuela
Course No./Title:	MAT in Secondary Education (Alternate Route)
Institution:	William Paterson University
Credits:	Master's Degree

B. **APPROVAL - Staff Conferences**

Motion to approve the following staff conferences for the 2026-2027 school year:

Staff Member(s): Gildardo Castrillon
Conference: EPA / AHERA / OSHA (Environmental Protection Agency / Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act / Occupational Safety and Health Administration) Asbestos Operations & Maintenance Refresher
Location: Virtual
Date: 12/4/26
Cost to Board: \$215.00

Staff Member(s): Tracy Barron, Sing Han, Christopher Rota, Ashley Ryan
Conference: SMARTS Curriculum Session
Location: Virtual
Date: TBD
Cost to Board: \$725.00

Staff Member(s): Kristen Haenelt
Conference: First Aid for Opioid Overdoses Certification (Narcan Certification)
Location: Virtual
Date: 10/30/26 - 10/31/26
Cost to Board: \$31.99

Staff Member(s): Erika Dunn, Shannon SanGeorge and Adrienne Stuart
Conference: Sheltered Instruction Observation Protocol (SIOP) Training
Location: Virtual
Date: Two Dates TBD
Cost to Board: \$810.00 (Substitutes)

Staff Member(s): Christie Cipollini
Conference: Bergen County Principals & Supervisors Association Meeting - Wayground & Lego Education
Location: Hackensack, NJ
Date: 11/18/26
Cost to Board: \$7.99

C. **APPROVAL - Field Trips**

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

School: Hillside Elementary School
Group: Grade 1
Month: February 2027
Destination: Bergen Performing Arts Center
Location: Englewood, NJ

School: Hillside Elementary School
Group: Grade 1
Month: May 2027
Destination: Turtle Back Zoo
Location: West Orange, NJ

School: Tenakill Middle School
Group: Grade 5
Month: April 2027
Destination: Buehler Challenger Center
Location: Paramus, NJ

School: Tenakill Middle School
Group: Grade 8 and Orchestra
Month: June 2027
Destination: NVRHS-Demarest
Location: Demarest, NJ

School: Tenakill Middle School
Group: Debate Club 2026-2027
Month: October and November 2026, January and February 2027
Destination: Academy School, Cresskill School, NVRHS-OT, Tenaflly School
Location: Hackensack, NJ; Cresskill, NJ; Old Tappan, NJ and Tenaflly, NJ

FINANCE AND PHYSICAL PLANT COMMITTEE

Chairperson: Mr. Choi; Members: Ms. Micera, Ms. Ravid, 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 September 2026.
- b. Board of Education's Monthly Certification of Budgetary Major Account /Fund status for September 2026.
- c. Transfer of funds for September 2026.

B. **APPROVAL - Payment of Bills**

Motion to approve payment of bills from October 9, 2026 to October 29, 2026, in the amount of:

General Fund (Fund 10)	\$1,859,679.87
Special Revenue (Fund 20)	\$ 1,400.00
Total:	\$1,861,079.87

C. **APPROVAL - Donation of Keurig Machine and K-Cups to Hillside Elementary School**

Motion to accept the donation from Allison Bachmann, Grade 3 Teacher, of a Keurig Machine and K-Cups totaling approximately \$200.00 to the Hillside Elementary School Staff Room.

PERSONNEL AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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

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

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

YEAS:

NAYS:

A. **APPROVAL - Sing Han - Extension as Long-Term Leave Replacement - Tenakill Middle School Special Education Teacher**

Motion to approve the extension of Sing Han as Long-Term Leave Replacement, TMS Special Education Teacher, from November 23, 2026, through June 30, 2027.

B. **APPROVAL - Appointment of Aysenur Un as Paraprofessional for the 2026-2027 School Year**

Motion to approve the appointment of Aysenur Un as a paraprofessional for the 2026-2027 school year, 5.75 hours per day, at a salary of \$22.09 per hour, with a start date pending a criminal history background check.

- C. **APPROVAL - Appointment of Yeji Park as Speech Therapist Long-Term Leave Replacement**
Motion to approve the appointment of Yeji Park as Speech Therapist long-term leave replacement for Leanne Falkenstern, starting November 23, 2026, through April 27, 2027, pending NJ certification and criminal history background check. Salary will be \$200 per day on days 1 through 10; then beginning on day 11, MA Step 0, (\$67,000) prorated.
- D. **APPROVAL - Parent-Paid ABA Bass Therapist for Student ID #350001**
Motion to approve Therese Argueta as parent-paid ABA Bass therapist for Student ID #350001.
- E. **APPROVAL - Administrative Mentorship for Brianna McKancha at Tenakill Middle School**
Motion to approve a post-graduate administrative mentorship for Briana McKancha, TMS Science Teacher, under the supervision of Principal Christine Cipollini, for the 2026-2027 school year. The mentorship will take place outside Ms. McKancha's contractual teaching responsibilities and is designed to provide practical administrative experience to support her pursuit of New Jersey administrative certification. The mentorship is voluntary, unpaid, and does not create any employment obligation for the district. Ms. McKancha will not serve in a supervisory capacity over other staff members at any time during the mentorship.
- F. **APPROVAL - Job Description for District Technology Administrator / Network Engineer**
Motion to approve the job description for the District Technology Administrator / Network Engineer as per Appendix B, attached hereto.
- G. **APPROVAL - Allocation of Title I Funds for Ellen Monaghan's Salary**
Motion to approve, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the payment of a portion of the salary for Ellen Monaghan, BSI Teacher at Tenakill Middle School, from Title I funds as follows:
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|-------------------------|--------------|-------------------------|
| 20-231-100-100-060-00-0 | \$ 24,136.00 | (20.00%) Title I |
| 11-230-100-101-060-01-0 | \$ 96,544.00 | (80.00%) District Funds |
- H. **APPROVAL - Retirement of Nancy Saccoccio, Occupational Therapist**
Motion to approve the retirement of Nancy Saccoccio, Occupational Therapist, as of December 31, 2026.
- I. **APPROVAL - Rescindment of Schedule F Position for Scripta**
Motion to approve the rescindment of the Schedule F position for Angela Banta as Scripta Club Advisor, effective October 31, 2026.
- J. **APPROVAL - Parent-Paid AG Behaviorists for Student ID #5220678010**
Motion to approve the following parent-paid AG Behaviorists for Student ID #5220678010 for the 2026-2027 school year:

Supervisors: Gabrielle Ciarallo, Linda Donovan, Dina Marinaccio, Renee Nemeth

Primary therapists: Kian Downes, Mariuxi Zambrano

Substitutes: Flerida Colby, Jordania Gonzalez, Amanda Jeon, Nicole Khemai

K. **APPROVAL - Substitute Teachers/Paraprofessionals/Custodians**

Motion to approve the following substitute teachers/paraprofessionals/custodians for the 2026-2027 school Year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Certification</u>
Leora Audi	Substitute Teacher Certification
Chloe Bedoya	Substitute Teacher Certification
Sonjela Cami	Substitute Teacher Certification
Nevin Guler	Substitute Teacher Certification
Mia Heyman	Substitute Teacher Certification
David Suter	Substitute Teacher Certification

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.