

CLOSTER BOARD OF EDUCATION

Closter, New Jersey

AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING

Tenakill Middle School

February 26, 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 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, 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 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 - C.

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

YEAS:

NAYS:

A. **APPROVAL - Board of Education Meeting Minutes**

Motion to approve February 12, 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) incidents TMS-2526-16 as reported to the Board in Executive Session at the February 12, 2026, meeting.

C. **APPROVAL - Closter School District Calendar for the 2026-2027 School Year**

Motion to approve the Closter School District Calendar for the 2026-2027 school year as per Appendix A.

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION COMMITTEE

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

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

Motion was _____ by a roll call vote of the Board as follows:

YEAS:

NAYS:

A. **APPROVAL - Field Trips**

Motion to approve the following field trips for the 2025-2026 school year:

School: Tenakill Middle School
Group: Grades 7 and 8 Band & Orchestra

Month: May 2026
Destination: Gershwin Theater
Location: New York, NY

B. APPROVAL - Staff Conferences

Motion to approve the following staff conferences for the 2025-2026 school year:

Staff Member(s): Floro M. Villanueva Jr.
Conference: NJ Association of School Business Officials Conference
Location: Atlantic City, NJ
Date: 6/2/26 - 6/5/26
Cost to Board: \$1,231.40 (Registration, mileage, accommodation, meals)

Staff Member(s): Leanne Falkenstern
Conference: Winter Learning Institute: From Triggers to Triumph: Supporting Student Behavior
Location: Virtual
Date: 3/2/26
Cost to Board: \$0

FINANCE AND PHYSICAL PLANT COMMITTEE

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

B. **APPROVAL - Payment of Bills**

Motion to approve payment of bills from February 13, 2026, to February 26, 2026, in the amount of:

General Fund (Fund 10)	\$168,960.63
Special Revenue (Fund 20)	\$ 3,345.40
Capital Fund (Fund 30)	\$184,951.38
Total	\$357,257.41

C. **APPROVAL – Purchase of a Multi-Year License Agreement with Renaissance**

Motion to approve the purchase of a multi-year license agreement with Renaissance for Flocabulary Plus - a digital instructional resource that supports vocabulary development and reading comprehension through standards-aligned, music-based lessons until July 2029, at a total cost of \$13,626.36.

D. **APPROVAL - Purchase of 200 Chromebooks**

Motion to approve the purchase of 200 Chromebooks for Tenakill Middle School from Trafera for \$99,800. The purchase is broken down into the following contracts:

- \$67,400 for the devices and EDU license under the Hunterdon County Ed Services Commission of NJ Contract (#34HUNCCP) #HCESC-CAT-25-06-R: Technology Supplies and Equipment.
- \$29,500 for the four-year warranty and asset tags under the OMNIA Contract, Region 14 ESC—National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance. With the purchase amount under the bid threshold, a second quote was secured.
- \$2,900 for the screen protectors.

PERSONNEL AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Chairperson: Mr. Paldj; 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 - Fieldwork for Henry Hathaway, Felician University Student**

Motion to approve Henry Hathaway, Felician University student, for eight weeks of fieldwork from March 16 to May 10, 2026, shadowing Ms. Lori Scalera.

- B. **APPROVAL - Appointment of Dillon Benik, NJIT Technology Intern**
Motion to approve the appointment of Dillon Benik, NJIT student, as Technology Intern under the supervision of Vincenzo Salvati for the Summer 2026 term.

- C. **APPROVAL - Renee Nemeth, AG Behaviorist Supervisor, to Observe Parent-Paid Paraprofessional in Hillside Elementary School Classroom**
Motion to approve Renee Nemeth, AG Behaviorists Supervisor, to observe parent-paid paraprofessional in a HES classroom for two hours per month for the 2025-2026 school year.

- D. **APPROVAL - Faby Tejada, Parent-Paid ABA Bass Therapist, for Student #3358084294**
Motion to approve Faby Tejada, parent-paid ABA Bass Therapist, for Student #3358084294 for the 2025-2026 school year.

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:

(if necessary)

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.