

CHESTER BOARD OF EDUCATION
 REGULAR MEETING
 MINUTES
 February 1, 2005

<p>CALL TO ORDER – Mr. Adelman, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.</p> <p>In accordance with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act, Mr. Adelman announced that:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to insure the right of the public to have advance notice and to attend the meetings of the Public bodies at which any business affecting their interest is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the provisions of this act the Chester Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time and place thereof posted in the Chester Post Office, sent to the Clerks of Chester Borough and Chester Township, the Daily Record and the Observer Tribune.</p> <p>ROLL CALL:</p> <p>PRESENT: Mr. Adelman, Mrs. Campolo, Ms. Cooper Napolitano, Mrs. Hoven, Mr. Lakritz, Mr. Nordmark, Ms. Patnaude , Mrs. Taterka, and Mrs. Tatum</p> <p>ABSENT: None</p> <p>Also Present: Mr. Michael Roth and Mr. Ralph Goodwin</p> <p>Mr. Adelman, Board President led the board in the Pledge of Allegiance. There were three citizens present in the audience.</p> <p>Mr. Roth that he met with different people to discuss the idea of a unified mascot and school colors for all the schools of the district. He has since learned that some of the board members do not wish to see the mascot and colors change. The meeting was opened to the public for additional comment. A representative from the Ed Foundation stated that they were merely looking to sell clothing as part of a fund raiser. They liked the idea of unifying the district; not to create a divisive issue. Other board members commented that the cost was issue, school administration discussion was important, and tradition was important.</p> <p>The board took several straw votes to frame the issue. Should there be one mascot/school color for the district? Should the existing committee continue to explore the idea? Support the statement: the BOE will not expend any money as a result of a change in mascot or color? All of the above passed with a majority of the board supporting them.</p> <p>Mr. Roth reported that Black River MS has submitted its application to the state star school award. Mayor Verbaro thanked the BOE for its assistance of senior citizens of the borough in transporting them to various events.</p> <p>Upon the motion of Trustee Hoven seconded by Trustee Cooper Napolitano, the board considered the following motion:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Recommending the approval of the minutes of a regular meeting of the Chester Board of Education held January 18, 2005, public, private A roll call was taken. YEA –Campolo, Cooper Napolitano, Lakritz, Nordmark, Tatum, Taterka, Hoven and Adelman NAY – None ABSTAIN: Patnaude</p> <p>The motion carried.</p> <p>Members of the public inquired into the district’s email system and its possible use in increasing the level of quality information getting into the community. Mr. Roth indicated that he needs assistance from all in getting the word out.</p> <p>Upon the motion of Trustee Hoven seconded by Trustee Patnaude, the board considered the following motion:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">RESOLUTION (126-04/05)--RESOLVED, that the Chester Board of Education, in the County of Morris, New Jersey approves and affixes to the minutes of this meeting the Report of Board Secretary for December 2004. A roll call was taken.</p>	<p>CALL TO ORDER</p> <p>SUNSHINE LAW</p> <p>ROLL CALL</p> <p>PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE</p> <p>PRESENTATION</p> <p>SUPERINTENDENT REPORT</p> <p>MINUTES</p> <p>HEARING OF THE PUBLIC</p> <p>APPROVES BOARD SECRETARY REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2004</p>
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<p>YEA – Campolo, Cooper Napolitano, Lakritz, Nordmark, Patnaude, Tatum, Taterka, Hoven and Adelman NAY - None The motion carried 9-0.</p>	
<p>Upon the motion of Trustee Hoven seconded by Trustee Patnaude, the board considered the following motion: RESOLUTION (127-04/05)--RESOLVED, that the Chester Board of Education, in the County of Morris, New Jersey approves and affixes to the minutes of this meeting the Report of the Treasurer of School Monies for December 2004. A roll call was taken. YEA – Campolo, Cooper Napolitano, Lakritz, Nordmark, Patnaude, Tatum, Taterka, Hoven and Adelman NAY - None The motion carried 9-0.</p>	<p>APPROVES BOARD TREASURER REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2004</p>
<p>Upon the motion of Trustee Hoven seconded by Trustee Patnaude, the board considered the following motion: RESOLUTION (128-04/05)--Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(c) 3, the Board Secretary does certify that no line item account has encumbrances and expenditures, which in total exceed the line item appropriation in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A: 23-2.11 (a). Pursuant to N.J. A.C. 6A:23 – 2.11 (c) 4, the Chester Board of Education has reviewed for the minutes of this meeting the board secretary and treasurer’s monthly financial report for December 2004 that no major account or fund has been over-expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11 (b). A roll call was taken. YEA – Campolo, Cooper Napolitano, Lakritz, Nordmark, Patnaude, Tatum, Taterka, Hoven and Adelman NAY - None The motion carried 9-0.</p>	<p>APPROVES CERTIFICATION OF SECRETARY AND TREASURER REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2004</p>
<p>Upon the motion of Trustee Hoven seconded by Trustee Patnaude, the board considered the following motion: RESOLUTION (129-04/05)--WHEREAS, the Chester Board of Education (board) has applied to the New Jersey Department of Education-Office of School Facilities (NJDOE) to have Black River Middle School solar power project reviewed as a project, and WHEREAS, the NJDOE has assigned the project number of 0820-020-05-1000 to this project, and WHEREAS, the NJDOE has approved the project and further supplied a preliminary eligible cost (PEC) letter, and WHEREAS, the NJDOE has determined that there are no excess costs and determined that the state share of the project will be up to \$1,404,500 and WHEREAS, the project has been sent to Department of Community Affairs (DCA) for Uniform Construction Code (UCC) code review. Now THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chester Board of Education, in the County of Morris, New Jersey, accept the PEC letter for this project, and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the board selects to control the construction of the project itself, and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the board elects to have NJDOE fund the project through an EDA grant, and</p>	<p>APPROVES PEC FOR BLACK RIVER MIDDLE SCHOOL SOLAR POWER PROJECT</p>

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the board understands that it cannot proceed with the project until it receives UCC code approval from DCA and a final eligible cost letter from NJDOE.

A roll call was taken.

YEA – Campolo, Cooper Napolitano, Lakritz, Nordmark, Patnaude, Tatum, Taterka, Hoven and Adelman

NAY - None

The motion carried 9-0.

Upon the motion of Trustee Hoven seconded by Trustee Patnaude, the board considered the following motion:

RESOLUTION (130-04/05)--WHEREAS, the Chester Board of Education (board) has applied to the New Jersey Department of Education-Office of School Facilities (NJDOE) to have Bragg Elementary School solar power project reviewed as a project, and

WHEREAS, the NJDOE has assigned the project number of 0820-030-05-1000 to this project, and

WHEREAS, the NJDOE has approved the project and further supplied a preliminary eligible cost (PEC) letter, and

WHEREAS, the NJDOE has determined that there are no excess costs and determined that the state share of the project will be up to \$664,256, and

WHEREAS, the project has been sent to Department of Community Affairs (DCA) for Uniform Construction Code (UCC) code review. Now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Chester Board of Education, in the County of Morris, New Jersey, accept the PEC letter for this project, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the board selects to control the construction of the project itself, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the board elects to have NJDOE fund the project through an EDA grant, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the board understands that it cannot proceed with the project until it receives UCC code approval from DCA and a final eligible cost letter from NJDOE.

A roll call was taken.

YEA – Campolo, Cooper Napolitano, Lakritz, Nordmark, Patnaude, Tatum, Taterka, Hoven and Adelman

NAY - None

The motion carried 9-0.

Upon the motion of Trustee Hoven seconded by Trustee Patnaude, the board considered the following motion:

RESOLUTION (131-04/05)--WHEREAS, the Chester Board of Education (board) has applied to the New Jersey Department of Education-Office of School Facilities (NJDOE) to have Dickerson Elementary School solar power project reviewed as a project, and

WHEREAS, the NJDOE has assigned the project number of 0820-040-05-1000 to this project, and

WHEREAS, the NJDOE has approved the project and further supplied a preliminary eligible cost (PEC) letter, and

APPROVES PEC FOR BRAGG SOLAR POWER PROJECT

APPROVES PEC FOR DICKERSON SOLAR POWER PROJECT

WHEREAS, the NJDOE has determined that there are no excess costs and determined that the state share of the project will be up to \$976,800 and

WHEREAS, the project has been sent to Department of Community Affairs (DCA) for Uniform Construction Code (UCC) code review. Now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chester Board of Education, in the County of Morris, New Jersey, accept the PEC letter for this project, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the board selects to control the construction of the project itself, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the board elects to have NJDOE fund the project through an EDA grant, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the board understands that it cannot proceed with the project until it receives UCC code approval from DCA and a final eligible cost letter from NJDOE.

A roll call was taken.

YEA – Campolo, Cooper Napolitano, Lakritz, Nordmark, Patnaude, Tatum, Taterka, Hoven and Adelman

NAY - None

The motion carried 9-0.

Upon the motion of Trustee Nordmark seconded by Trustee Cooper Napolitano, the board considered the following motion:

RESOLUTION (180-04/05)--RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education, in the County of Morris, New Jersey, approves the following extra curricular personnel at Black River Middle School for the 2004-2005 school year:

Kristen Sleicher - Set Design/Student Supervision – BRMS School Play
\$41.23/hour x 10 hours = \$412.30

A roll call was taken.

YEA – Campolo, Cooper Napolitano, Lakritz, Nordmark, Patnaude, Tatum, Taterka, Hoven and Adelman

NAY - None

The motion carried 9-0.

Upon the motion of Trustee Nordmark seconded by Trustee Cooper Napolitano, the board considered the following motion:

RESOLUTION (181-04/05)--RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education, in the County of Morris, New Jersey, approves Judy Martin for two days at her per diem rate.

A roll call was taken.

YEA – Campolo, Cooper Napolitano, Lakritz, Nordmark, Patnaude, Tatum, Taterka, Hoven and Adelman

NAY - None

The motion carried 9-0.

Upon the motion of Trustee Nordmark seconded by Trustee Cooper Napolitano, the board considered the following motion:

RESOLUTION (182-04/05)--RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education, in the County of Morris, New Jersey, approves the following modification to Board Resolution (133-04/05):

Delete Judith Martin as Science Fair Nurse
Add Anne Pape as Science Fair Nurse

A roll call was taken.

YEA – Campolo, Cooper Napolitano, Lakritz, Nordmark, Patnaude, Tatum, Taterka,

APPROVES EXTRA CURRICULAR PERSONNEL AT BRMS

APPROVES STIPEND – SCHOOL NURSE

APPROVES MODIFICATION TO RESOLUTION (133-04/05)

Hoven and Adelman

NAY - None

The motion carried 9-0.

Upon the motion of Trustee Nordmark seconded by Trustee Cooper Napolitano , the board considered the following motion:

RESOLUTION (183-04/05)--RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education, in the County of Morris, New Jersey, approves the terms and conditions of the Memorandum of Agreement between Chester Board of Education and the Chester Administrators/Supervisors Association as per attached.

A roll call was taken.

YEA – Campolo, Cooper Napolitano, Lakritz, Nordmark, Patnaude, Tatum, Taterka, Hoven and Adelman

NAY - None

The motion carried 9-0.

Upon the motion of Trustee Nordmark seconded by Trustee Cooper Napolitano, the board considered the following motion:

RESOLUTION (184-04/05)--RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education, in the County of Morris, New Jersey, approves the following substitute teachers for the 2004-2005 school year:

Kimberly Ciriaco County Substitute Certified
Danielle DeAngelis County Substitute Certified

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chester Board of Education, approves the submission to the County Superintendent of an application for emergency hiring and the applicant's attestation that she has not been convicted of any disqualifying crime pursuant to the provision of N.J.S.A. 18A:6-7.2 et seq, N.J.S.A. 18A:38-17 et seq or N.J.S.A. 18A:6-4.13 et seq.

A roll call was taken.

YEA – Campolo, Cooper Napolitano, Lakritz, Nordmark, Patnaude, Tatum, Taterka, Hoven and Adelman

NAY - None

The motion carried 9-0.

Upon the motion of Trustee Nordmark seconded by Trustee Cooper Napolitano, the board considered the following motion:

RESOLUTION (185-04/05)--RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education, in the County of Morris, New Jersey, approves the retirement of Walter Yarnold effective July 1, 2005, with much appreciation for services rendered.

A roll call was taken.

YEA – Campolo, Cooper Napolitano, Lakritz, Nordmark, Patnaude, Tatum, Taterka, Hoven and Adelman

NAY - None

The motion carried 9-0.

Upon the motion of Trustee Patnaude seconded by Trustee Tatum, the board considered the following motion:

RESOLUTION (010-04/05)--RESOLVED, that the Chester Board of Education shall hold the Annual School Election of the legal voters of Chester Borough and Chester Township on Tuesday, April 19, 2005 from 2:00 PM to 9:00 PM, or as long thereafter as may be necessary for all those who entered by 9:00 PM to vote, at the following polling locations:

All Districts – Black River Middle School (Gymnasium), 133 North Road
Chester, NJ.

APPROVES
MEMORANDUM OF
AGREEMENT WITH
ADMINISTRATORS/
SUPERVISORS
ASSOCIATION

APPROVES 2004-05
SUBSTITUTES

ACCEPTS
RESIGNATION -
YARNOLD

APPROVE POLL
LOCATION AND
TIMELINES FOR THE
APRIL 2005
ELECTION

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chester Board of Education designate that notices of said election be posted at each of the following locations:

1. Board of Education office
2. Dickerson School
3. Bragg School
4. Black River Middle School
5. Post Office
6. Chester Borough office
7. Chester Township office
8. Chester Library

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chester Board of Education establish that the drawing for position on the ballet be held at 10:00 AM on March 9, 2005 in the office of the Business Administrator, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chester Board of Education set the date of the Public Hearing for the School Budget for the 2005-2006 school year to be March 22, 2005 at 7:30 in the Media Center of the Black River Middle School

A roll call was taken.

YEA – Campolo, Cooper Napolitano, Lakritz, Nordmark, Patnaude, Tatum, Taterka, Hoven and Adelman

NAY - None

The motion carried 9-0.

Upon the motion of Trustee Patnaude seconded by Trustee Tatum, the board considered the following motion:

RESOLUTION (039-04/05)--RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education, in the County of Morris, New Jersey approves the first reading of Policy 9326, Board Minutes

A roll call was taken.

YEA – Campolo, Cooper Napolitano, Lakritz, Nordmark, Patnaude, Tatum, Taterka, Hoven and Adelman

NAY - None

The motion carried 9-0.

Upon the motion of Trustee Taterka seconded by Trustee Patnaude, the board considered the following motion:

RESOLUTION (023-04/05)--RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education, in the County of Morris, New Jersey, approves the FUND RAISER “Hoops for Hearts” at Bragg School in support of the American Heart Association and also approves the second grade jump rope fundraiser at Dickerson School in support of the American Heart Association. The “Hoops for Hearts” event will be under the supervision of Mr. Ronald Fazekas and will be integrated into the Bragg School’s fifth grade physical education instruction during the week of February 14, 2005.

A roll call was taken.

YEA – Cooper Napolitano, Lakritz, Nordmark, Tatum, Taterka, Hoven

NAY – Campolo, Patnaude, Adelman

The motion carried 6-3.

APPROVES FIRST
READING OF
POLICY 9326,
BOARD MINUTES

APPROVES BRAGG
& DICKERSON
SCHOOL
FUNDRAISERS

Upon the motion of Trustee Hoven seconded by Trustee Patnaude, the board considered the following motion: To enter into executive session at 8:45P.M.

Michael Roth and Ralph Goodwin left the meeting at 8:45 pm

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the board is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Chester Board of Education, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, as follows:

A. The public shall be excluded from discussion of hereinafter-specified subject matter (s)

B. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows:

1. Personnel

It is anticipated at this time that the above stated subject matter will be made public immediately following executive session or as the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Upon the motion of Trustee Patnaude, seconded by Trustee Campolo, the board considered the following motion: To return from private session at 10:03pm.

The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

There being nothing further to discuss, upon motion of Trustee Patnaude, seconded by Trustee Campolo, the board considered a motion to adjourn at 10:04 pm. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

EXECUTIVE
SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully Submitted,

Ralph Goodwin
Board Secretary