

**CHESTER BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SPECIAL MEETING  
May 8, 2017  
MINUTES**

*A special meeting of the Chester Board of Education will be held on Monday, May 8, 2017 at 6:36 p.m. at the Chester Board of Education 50 North Road, Chester, Building 4, New Jersey 07930.*

**1. Call To Order**

**2. Sunshine Announcement**

Be advised that this meeting is being held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231 P.L. 1975 (Sunshine Law) and that adequate notice of the date, time and location has been sent to the Daily Record and the Observer Tribune, and has been posted and filed with the Chester Township and Chester Borough Clerks. The annual meeting calendar has also been sent to each District school and the Chester Post Office. Additionally, the agenda will be posted on the District website prior to the Board meeting.

**3. Roll Call**

Amy Collins	Yes	Heather Ronco	Yes
Carolyn Kleppe-Collins	Yes	Rajat Shah	Absent
Christopher Lowry	Absent	Mike Tomasco	Absent
Liz Madinabeitia	Yes	Kerri Wright	Absent
Jonathan Rochelle	Yes	Quorum	Y N

**4. Administration**—Melissa Simmons and Dr. Christina Van Woert

**5. Pledge of Allegiance**

Heather Ronco, Board President, led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**6. Public Commentary on Agenda Items**

There were no members of the public at the meeting.

*The Board President, Heather Ronco called for a consent agenda which was seconded by Amy Collins.*

**7. Buildings, Grounds, Transportation/Finance**—*Mike Tomasco, Amy Collins, Chris Lowry, and Jonathan Rochelle.*

**a. Approves Bills List**

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Business Administrator, the Chester Board of Education approves payment of the May 8, 2017 bills list as approved by the Finance Committee.

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<b>Bills List Including:</b>	<b>Totals</b>
Check Run	\$167.55

**b. Additional Health Plans**

WHEREAS, the Chester Board of Education currently offers two Horizon Medical Plans; and

WHEREAS, the two plans that are currently offered are the Horizon POS and the Horizon Direct Access plans; and

WHEREAS, the Chester Board of Education will offer three lower cost plan options in addition to the two plans that are currently offered; and

WHEREAS, the three new lower cost plan options that will be offered are; (i) Horizon Omnia, (ii) Horizon EPO, and (iii) Horizon MyWay.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chester Board of Education approves the two existing Horizon POS and Direct Access plans and will begin to offer three alternative options and lower cost plans to staff at the attached rates for 2017-2018 school year.

**c. Flexible Spending Account Increase**

WHEREAS, the Chester Board of Education currently offers voluntary membership in a medical Flexible Spending Account through AxisPlus Benefits; and

WHEREAS, the current limit for the medical Flexible Spending Account is \$1,000 per plan year and a minimum of \$200 per plan year; and

WHEREAS, the Chester Board of Education may increase the medical Flexible Spending Account limit to \$2,600 per plan year.

BE IT RESOLVED, the Chester Board of Education chooses to increase the voluntary medical Flexible Spending Account limit to \$2,600 per plan year and a minimum of \$200 per plan year.

**d. Flexible Spending Account Dependent Care**

WHEREAS, the Chester Board of Education may obtain a dependent care Flexible Spending Account through Axis Plus Benefits.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chester Board of Education elects to have a voluntary dependent care Flexible Spending Policy through Axis Plus Benefits with maximum amounts of \$5,000 for employees who are married filing jointly or are single, and \$2,500 for married employees filing single.

**e. NJSIG Safety Grant to Purchase Cameras**

WHEREAS, it has been recommended that security cameras be placed in the schools buildings in order to enhance school safety for students, staff, administrators and the community; and

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WHEREAS, a review was completed as to where security cameras would be most beneficial in each school; and

WHEREAS, all recommended cameras were purchased and installed in the Black River Middle School.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the NJSIG Safety Grant 2017 be approved for the purchase of security cameras for the Bragg and/or Dickerson Elementary Schools as recommended by the security review.

**8. Curriculum/Governance/Personnel—*Heather Ronco, Carolyn Kleppe-Collins, Liz Madinabeitia, and Rajat Shah.***

**a. Approves Tenured Teachers/Nurses for the 2017-2018 School Year**

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approves the following tenured teachers/nurses for the 2017-2018 school year:

<b>Dickerson</b>	<b>Bragg</b>	<b>BRMS</b>	<b>Student Services</b>
Dana Apicella	Karen Andolina	Janet Aaronson	Amy Hayes
Jacqueline Arturi	Debra Androvette	Doreen Aiello	Melissa Scherzer
Erin Beil	Amanda Bartlett	Suzanne Armbruster	Sarah Southwick
Debra Borchert	Melissa Bene	Diane Basanese	
Cassie Bruno	Colleen Cahill	Michele Connahan	
Jennifer Christal	Albert Cerulo	Kevin Cullen	
John Christie	Susan Connelly	Kim Dempsey	
Katherine Cianci	Christa Daly	Kimberly DeRosa	
Anne Collins-McAvinn	Erica David	Christopher Duffy	
Mary Diviney	Kelli Dolan	Patricia Fisher	
Ronald Fazekas	Suzanne Donohue	Laura Garrison	
Rebecca Gambuti	Deborah Foster	Jean Gilbert	
Barbara Knowles	Lauren Freund	Andrew Gray	
Michelle Lakefield	Meryl Furhman	Ilene Heisler	
Barbara Lewis	Jane Ellen Furlong	Nicole Hey	
Danielle Meekings	Pamela Gau	Meryl Ironson	
Danielle Miller	Carol Giulino	David Leckie	
Joann Moretti	Robert Gruver	Krista Maico	
Patricia Novick	Barbara Herzner	Theresa Meierhofer	
Kerri Sheridan	Robin Kaufer	Cinthia Mullen	
Katherine Snow	Sara Kozlowski	Anne Pape	
Jacqueline Spurr	Linda Mayers	Kenneth Piascik	
Dorianne Taquinto	Dana Militante	Joseph Pizzo	
Melissa Tonnessen	Mary Beth Mueller	Patricia Pohan	
Melissa Tuleya	Lisa Pennella	Deborah Reback	
Karen Weber	Nicole Polkowski	Erika Rosamilia	

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Stamatia Westberg	Millicent Roskie	Christina Sarlo	
	Lauren Scarfo	Suzanne Sklar	
	Russell Schilp	Sarah Smith	
	Brian Seely	Michael Stagg	
	Cynthia Thieringer	Natalie Tarnacki	
	Stacey Thompson	Kathleen Vespignani	
	Lori Vilagos	Kathleen Werner	
	Maryanne Vindici	James Yankowicz	
	Maryrose Walsh	Jennifer Yeager	

**b. Approves Tenured Administrators for the 2017-2018 School Year**

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approves the following tenured administrators for the 2017-2018 school year:

Brad Currie	Dean of Students/Supervisor of Instruction	BRMS
Melissa Fair	Principal	Dickerson School
Jeanette Krone	Director	Student Services
Robert Mullen	Principal	BRMS
Michele Stanton	Principal	Bragg School

**c. Approves Tenured Secretaries/Assistants for the 2017-2018 School Year**

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approves the following tenured secretaries/assistants for the 2017-2018 school year:

Sophia Beaudin	Assistant to SBA/Transportation Co-ordinator	Board Office
Lori Mauger	Secretary	BRMS
Virginia Miller-Jones	Secretary	BRMS-Guidance
Lora Orchard	Secretary	Dickerson
Donna Price	Assistant to Superintendent	Supt. Office
Sharon Ruiz	Accounting Assistant	Board Office

**d. Approves Creation of Position (Technical Support Specialist – Full-time)**

RESOLVED, that the Chester Board of Education approves the creation of a Technical Support Specialist (full-time).

**e. Approves Job Description (Technical Support Specialist – Full-time)**

RESOLVED, that the Chester Board of Education approves the job description for the Technical Support Specialist (full-time).

**f. Approves Creation of Position (Technical Support Specialist – Part-time)**

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RESOLVED, that the Chester Board of Education approves the creation of a Technical Support Specialist (part-time).

**g. Approves Job Description (Technical Support Specialist – Part-time)**

RESOLVED, that the Chester Board of Education approves the job description for the Technical Support Specialist (part-time).

**h. Amends Resolution Approving Paraprofessional (Youtz)**

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education amends the resolution on the April 25, 2017 meeting approving Christine Youtz as a paraprofessional, effective May 16, 2017 to *effective May 30, 2017*.

**i. Approves Tuition Rates**

RESOLVED, that the Chester Board of Education establishes the following tuition rates for the 2017-2018 school year:

PreK-K: \$16,961  
Gr. 1-5: \$17,946  
Gr. 6-8: \$18,060

**j. Accepts Tuition Student of a Staff Member**

RESOLVED, that the Chester Board of Education accepts two tuition students of a staff member from Glen Gardner, New Jersey for the 2017-2018 school year at a cost of \$9,030 for a third grade student and \$8,480.50 for a kindergarten student for the full year.

**k. Approves Non-Tenured Secretary/Assistants for the 2017-2018 School Year**

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approves the following non-tenured secretaries and payroll assistant for the 2017-2018 school year:

Eileen Bennett	CST Secretary
Lisa Campbell	Bragg School
Mariah Hantis	Board Office.

**l. Approves Paraprofessional (Wozniak)**

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approves Dawn Wozniak as a paraprofessional, effective May 9, 2017, 35 hours per week for the remainder of the 2016-2017 school year at an annual salary of \$20,980.80, with benefits.

**m. Amends Title 1 Salary Allocation**

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education amends the resolution from the September 27, 2016 meeting approving Deborah Foster as a Title 1 teacher for the 2016-2017 school year, with a portion of her salary, \$30,645, to be paid from the NCLB Grant award. The remainder of the salary will be paid from the General Fund to:

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*her full salary of \$44,612.40 to be paid from the NCLB Grant Award.*

*The Board took action and moved all items.*

Motion by: **Heather Ronco**

Seconded by: **Amy Collins**

Roll Call Vote	AC	CKC	CL	LM	JR	HR	RS	MT	KW
<b>5-0</b>	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No

**9. Public Commentary**

There were no members of the public at the meeting.

**10. Adjournment**

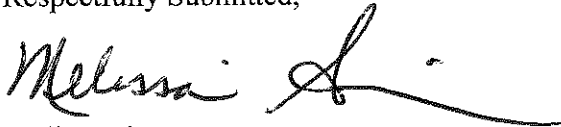
There being no further business to discuss, upon the motion of Heather Ronco and seconded by Mike Tomasco, the Board considered a motion to adjourn at 6:46 p.m.

Motion by **Heather Ronco**

Seconded by **Amy Collins**

Roll Call Vote	AC	CKC	CL	LM	JR	HR	RS	MT	KW
<b>5-0</b>	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No

Respectfully Submitted,



Melissa Simmons  
Board Secretary