

**EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES OF
A MEETING OF THE
CHESTER BOARD OF EDUCATION
MORRIS COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

AS RECORDED IN THE OFFICIAL MINUTE BOOK

The Chester Board of Education in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, convened at a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, December 13, 2016 at 6:30 p.m., at the Chester Board of Education Office, 50 North Road, Building 4, Chester, New Jersey.

The following members of the Board of Education were present: Amy Collins, Carolyn Kleppe-Collins, Chris Lowry, Liz Madinabeitia, Heather Ronco, Jonathan Rochelle, Rajat Shah, Mike Tomasco, and Kerri Wright.

The following members of the Board of Education were absent: none.

Upon the motion of Carolyn Kleppe-Collins and seconded by Amy Collins the Board considered the following motions:

RESOLUTION (224-16/17) WHEREAS, the municipalities of Chester Borough, Chester Township, Mendham Borough and Mendham Township jointly engaged the services of Ross Haber Associates to evaluate the educational and financial impacts of de-regionalizing the West Morris Regional School District; and creating a new regional school district to educate the students of these municipalities and

WHEREAS, Ross Haber Associates conducted the evaluation and submitted a report (the "Report") to each above mentioned municipalities in June 2015; and

WHEREAS, the report (the "Report") presented two options for creating a new regional district after dissolving the West Morris Regional High School District: Option 1, which consists of de-regionalization of the West Morris Regional High School District and creation of a new regional high school district serving Chester Borough, Chester Township, Mendham Borough and Mendham Township; and Option 2, which consists of regionalizing all public schools in the four municipalities into one K-12 district.

WHEREAS, the Chester Board of Education maintains that the educational impact should be further investigated and a clear educational plan should be articulated prior to initiating a referendum so that voters can be accurately informed in their decision-making; and

WHEREAS, the Board has significant questions with respect to the claimed financial benefits of dissolution; and request the above mentioned municipalities jointly articulate a clear funding solution and plan for how any savings will be utilized; and

WHEREAS, at this time, based upon the issues left unaddressed in the Report with respect to the educational impact and financial benefits of Options 1 and 2, the Chester Board of Education cannot endorse either Option 1 or Option 2 at this time; and

WHEREAS, the Chester Board of Education also does not endorse a funding formula based on a per pupil allocation, as such an allocation would increase the taxes of the residents of Chester Borough and Chester Township; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chester Board of Education, in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey, moves that it shall not endorse either Option 1 nor Option 2 in the Report, until such time as the concerns of the Board are addressed in a satisfactory manner; and

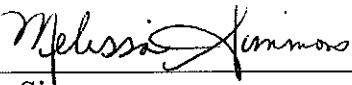
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that due to the Board's concerns regarding the educational impact to our students, the Board will not, at this time, seek the involvement of the Executive County Superintendent.

Roll Call Vote	AC	CKC	CL	LM	JR	HR	RS	MT	KW
9-0-0	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

State of New Jersey)
) ss
 County of Morris)

I, Melissa Simmons, Board Secretary of the Chester Board of Education, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, hereby certify that the foregoing extract from the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Education of said district duly called and held on December 13, 2016 has been compared by me with the original minutes as officially recorded in my office in the minute book of said meeting of the Board of Education and is a true, complete copy thereof and of the whole of said original minutes so far as the same relate to the subject matter referred to in said extract in witness I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the corporate seal of said Board of Education this 14th day of December 2016.

(SEAL)



 Melissa Simmons
 Board Secretary