

**REGULAR MEETING
MAY 12, 2020
AGENDA**

A regular meeting of the Chester Board of Education will be held on, May 12, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. via Google Meet.

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 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 has been posted on the District website prior to the Board meeting.

3. Roll Call

Amy Collins		Heather Ronco	
Rebekah Forlenza		Rajat Shah	
Sara Kalashian		Mike Tomasco	
Christopher Lowry		Kerri Wright	
Liz Madinabeitia		Quorum	Y N

4. Pledge of Allegiance

5. Administration- Dr. Christina VanWoert and Tanya Dawson

5a. Superintendent’s Report

5b. Business Administrator’s Report

6. President’s Comments

7. Presentations

1. Technology Plan Presentation—Dr. Christina Van Woert and Michael Dougherty

8. Public Commentary on Agenda Items

When permitted, public participation shall be governed by the following rules under Policy 9325.2:

1. *Anyone wishing to speak before the Board shall indicate so during the Public Commentary portion of the agenda. The presenter shall give his/her name and address and make the presentation as brief as possible. Unless an extension of time is granted, each speaker should be limited to 3 minutes.*
2. *Speakers may offer such objective criticisms of school operations and programs as concern them. But in public session, the Board will not hear concerns about the spe-*

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cific school personnel or any person connected with the school system. Other channels provide the Board consideration and disposition of such matters involving individuals.

3. *The Board vests in its President or other presiding officer authority to terminate the remarks of any individual when they do not adhere to the rules established above.*

9. Approval of Minutes

9a. Approves Regular Meeting Minutes from April 28, 2020

RESOLVED, that the Chester Board of Education approves the Regular meeting minutes of the meeting held on April 28, 2020.

Motion by _____

Seconded by _____

Roll Call Vote	AC	RF	SK	CL	LM	HR	RS	MT	KW

10. Committee of The Whole—All.
None

11. Buildings, Grounds, Transportation/Finance—Amy Collins, Rebekah Forlenza, Sara Kalashian and Chris Lowry

11a. Approves Bills List

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

Bills List	Totals
Payroll 04/30/2020	\$602,999.32
Bills List 05/12/2020	\$475,280.33

11b. Approves Submission of Alyssa’s Law Grant Application for 2020-21 School Year.

RESOLVED, that the Chester Board of Education approves the submission of the Alyssa’s Law grant application for the 2020-21 school year.

11c. Approves Applying for LEAP Implementation Grant with Roxbury BOE

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey has appropriated \$10 million for Shared Services and School District Consolidation Study and Implementation Grants to assist local units with the study, development and implementation of new shared and regional services; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services (DLGS) is tasked with administering these grant funds through the Local Efficiency Achievement Program (LEAP); and

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WHEREAS, LEAP Implementation Grants exist to support costs associated with shared service implementation to ensure that meaningful, efficiency generating initiatives are not hindered by short term transitional expenses; and

WHEREAS, the Roxbury Township Board of Education and the Chester Board of Education propose to enter into a shared services agreement, but face certain expenses associated with implementation that present a burden to the local units; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this shared services agreement is to improve and expand our shared services, which will benefit the residents of all participating local units; and

WHEREAS, the Roxbury Township Board of Education has agreed to be the lead agency in this program and will submit the application to DLGS on behalf of all participating units; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Chester Board of Education, that the Chester Board of Education does hereby join with Roxbury Township Board of Education in applying for a LEAP Implementation Grant in the amount of \$250,000 to support implementation of this shared service.

Motion by _____

Seconded by _____

Roll Call Vote	AC	RF	SK	CL	LM	HR	RS	MT	KW

12. Curriculum/Governance/Personnel—*Liz Madinabeitia, Heather Ronco, Rajat Shah and Mike Tomasco*

12a. Approves Maternity Leave of Absence (Employee# 1239)

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following maternity leave of absence for employee #1239:

Specifics	Dates
Leave (Start Date)	8/24/2020
Accumulated Sick Days (Applied)	3
FMLA/NJFLI Start Date (unpaid with benefits)	8/27/2020
Extended Leave Start Date (unpaid without benefits)	N/A
Date of Return (Anticipated)	11/19/2020

12b. Approves Teachers Who Receive Tenure in 2020-2021 school Year

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approves the following teachers who will receive tenure for the 2020-2021 school year:

Name	Position	School	Date of Tenure
Amal Azzara	Guidance Counselor	BRMS	09/02/2020
Vivian DiGesio-Norman	LDTC	Dickerson	09/02/2020
Timothy Rain	Physical Education	Dickerson	09/27/2020
Cathleen Sullivan	School Nurse	Bragg	09/02/2020

12c. Approves Non-Tenured Teachers

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approves the following non-tenured teachers for the 2020-2021 school year:

Bragg	BRMS	Dickerson
Cassandra Cangiano	Michelle Belfiore	Alexis Carle
Robyn Cawood	Alexandra Livesey	Julie Curtin
Gretchen Jacot-Guillarmod	Lauren Marianino	Sarah Skrabal
Christopher Jala	Catherine McPherson	Jillian Soden
Jamie Norton	Amy Schwartz	Katherine Turnbull
Patricia Lewis	Sarah Warren	Andrea Varughese
Lauren Seibert		
Katherine Strauss		
Wendy Talik		

12d. Approves Non-Tenured Secretaries

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approves the following non-tenured secretaries for the 2020-2021 school year:

Eileen Bennett	Special Services Department
Melissa Gordon Sant	Dickerson School
Kimberly Vanderwall	BRMS Guidance Department

12e. Approves Non-Tenured Clerical Positions

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approves the following non-tenured clerical for the 2020-2021 school year:

Vanessa Sturtevant	Purchasing/Account Specialist
Cynthia Weiss	Payroll Benefits Specialist

12f. Approves Non-Tenured Administrator

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approves the following non-tenured administrator for the 2020-2021 school year:

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Andrew White

Principal/BRMS

12g. Approves Tenured Teachers/Nurses for the 2020-2021 School Year

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approves the following tenured teachers/nurses for the 2020-2021 school year:

Dickerson	Bragg	BRMS	Student Services
Tara Bagnole	Karen Andolina	Doreen Aiello	Amy Hayes
Erin Beil	Debra Androvette	Diane Basanese	Melissa Scherzer
Cassie Bruno	Christa Bedkowski	Susan Beringer	Sarah Southwick
Jennifer Christal	Melissa Bene	Maritza Ciottariello	
John Christie	Colleen Cahill	Kevin Cullen	
Katherine Cianci	Gretchen Capan	Kimberly DeRosa	
Andrea Colicchio	Susan Connelly	Christopher Duffy	
Anne Collins-McAvinn	German Castro	Patricia Fisher	
Kathryn Corcoran	Erica David	Laura Garrison	
Mary Diviney	Kelli Dolan	Jean Gilbert	
Christine Donlon	Deborah Foster	Andrew Gray	
Ronald Fazekas	Lauren Freund	Ilene Heisler	
Rebecca Gambuti	Carol Giulino	Nicole Hey	
Dana Katzenoff	Robert Gruver	Meryl Ironson	
Barbara Knowles	Alexandra Johnson	David Leckie	
Nicole Healy	Robin Kaufer	Gina Lorusso	
Michelle Lakefield	Sara Kozlowski	Taryn Mansolino	
Robin Matelsky	Krista Maico	Dana Mazza	
Danielle Meekings	Linda Mayers	Sean McQueeney	
Danielle Miller	Dana Militante	Theresa Meierhofer	
Kerri Mottola	Nicole Polkowski	Anne Pape	
Francesca Ragonese	Millicent Roskie	Kenneth Piascik	
Stephanie Schultz	Lauren Scarfo	Joseph Pizzo	
Kristen Simmons	Russell Schilp	Patricia Pohan	
Katherine Snow	Brian Seely	Cynthia Rodriguez-Chavez	
Jacqueline Spurr	Jenna Spence	Erika Rosamilia	
Dorianne Taquinto	Cynthia Thieringer	Christina Sarlo	
Melissa Tonnessen	Stacey Thompson	Sarah Smith	
Melissa Tuleya	Kelly Tompkins	Michael Stagg	
Karen Weber	Lori Vilagos	Natalie Tarnacki	
Stamatia Westberg	Maryanne Vindici	Kathleen Vespignani	
	Maryrose Walsh	Haiping Wang	
		Kathleen Werner	
		James Yankowicz	
		Jennifer Yeager	

12h. Approves Tenured Administrators for the 2020-2021 School Year

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approves the following tenured administrators for the 2020-2021 school year:

Brad Currie	Director Planning, Research Evaluation	District
Melissa Fair	Principal	Dickerson School
Jeanette Krone	Director	Student Services
Michele Stanton	Principal	Bragg School

12i. Approves Tenured Secretaries/Assistants for the 2020-2021 School Year

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approves the following tenured secretaries/assistants for the 2020-2021 school year:

Sophia Beaudin	Assistant to Superintendent	District
Lisa Campbell	Secretary	Bragg
Lori Mauger	Secretary	BRMS
Lora Orchard	Asst. to SBA/Transportation Coordinator	District

12j. Approves Annual Fixed Term Non-Certified Personnel

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approves the following annual, fixed-term for the 2020-2021 school year:

Technology Director

Michael Dougherty

Student Data Coordinator

Kathryn Maxton

Technology Technicians

Matthew Bruhn

John Machusky

Director of Buildings & Grounds

Evan Morley

Maintenance

Phillip Cacchio

Russel O'Dell

Custodians

Jesse Brady	Michael Keenan
Thomas Brady	Edelmira Lopez
Leroy Campbell	Christopher Lucas
Douglas Clark	Stephen Price

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Paul Crider	Ronald Rainier
Michael Jacoby	Ronald Vanderhoof

Treasurer
Mary Parasugo.

12k. Approves ABA Therapist (Mulholland)

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approves Jamie Mulholland as an ABA Therapist for the 2020-2021 school year.

12l. Amends 2019-2020 School Calendar

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education amends the 2019-2020 school calendar to change the last day of school from June 16, 2020 to June 12, 2020.

12m. Awards Compensation

WHEREAS, the employment contract for Dr. Christina Van Woert, Superintendent of Schools, provides for merit goals pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-3.1 € (10); and

WHEREAS, Dr. Christina Van Woert, Superintendent of Schools, successfully attained the following of the Quantitative and Qualitative Goals as outlined below.

Quantitative Merit Goals	Percentage
The Superintendent will convene a new district wide Technology Committee to review the goals set forth in our original 2015 Technology Plan and to research and write a new Technology Plan for the Chester School District from 2020 onward. Inclusive of this plan will be a detailed cost/benefit analysis of the district’s current technology and needs moving forward.	3.3% of salary
Qualitative Merit Goals	
The Superintendent will implement a plan for our new Civics Education Curriculum and Program. The process will include: revised curriculum and programs; a list of opportunities to forge stronger connections with local government; choices for students to engage with the Board of Education and municipal councils; and a cap-stone civics project at each transitional grade level.	2.5% of salary

12n. Approves Teacher for Professional Work (Matelsky)

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent the Chester Board of Education approves Robin Matelsky for Science Fair preparation and judge training for the 2019-2020 school year at the contracted professional hourly rate of \$62 for 14 hours for a total of up to \$868.00.

12o. Approves Updated Checklist for School-Health-Related Closure Plans

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approves the updated Checklist for School-Health-Related Closure Plans pursuant to P.L. 2020, c.27.

Motion by_____

Seconded by_____

Roll Call Vote	AC	RF	SK	CL	LM	HR	RS	MT	KW

13. Public Commentary

14. Executive Session

RESOLVED, that pursuant to NJS.A. 10:4-12 and 10:4-13 the Chester Board of Education holds a closed session on May 12, 2020 at ____ p.m. to discuss _____. It is expected that the minutes will be made public as soon as official action is taken.

Motion by_____

Seconded by_____

Roll Call Vote	AC	RF	SK	CL	LM	HR	RS	MT	KW

15. Return to Public Session

Motion by_____

Seconded by_____

Roll Call Vote	AC	RF	SK	CL	LM	HR	RS	MT	KW

16. Unfinished Business

17. New Business

18. Adjournment

Motion by_____

Seconded by_____

Roll Call Vote	AC	RF	SK	CL	LM	HR	RS	MT	KW