

**REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 12, 2022
AGENDA**

*A regular meeting of the Chester Board of Education will be held on
April 12, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in the Chester Borough Courtroom, 50 North Road, Chester, NJ*

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

John Barounis		Christopher Lowry	
Amy Collins		Heather Ronco	
Matthew Downs		Sarah Schultz	
Rebekah Forlenza		Kerri Wright	
Sara Kalashian		Quorum	Y N

4. Pledge of Allegiance

5. 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 April 12, 2022 at ____ p.m. to discuss Personnel, it is expected that the minutes will be made public as soon as official action is taken.

Motion by _____

Seconded by _____

Roll Call Vote	JB	AC	MD	RF	SK	CL	HR	SS	KW

5a. Return to Public Session

Motion by _____

Seconded by _____

Roll Call Vote	JB	AC	MD	RF	SK	CL	HR	SS	KW

6. Administration-Dr. Christina VanWoert and Tanya Dawson

6a. Superintendent’s Report

6b. Business Administrator’s Report

7. President’s Comments

8. Public Commentary

Please be aware that this portion is your opportunity to comment, and is not a forum for the Board to respond to your comments. However, the Board will certainly give all comments appropriate consideration.

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 specific 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 Meeting Minutes from March 14, 2022

RESOLVED, that the Chester Board of Education reapproves the Regular meeting minutes of the meeting held on March 14, 2022.

9b. Approves Executive Meeting Minutes from March 14, 2022

RESOLVED, that the Chester Board of Education reapproves the Executive meeting minutes of the meeting held on March 14, 2022.

Motion by _____ Seconded by _____

Roll Call Vote	JB	AC	MD	RF	SK	CL	HR	SS	KW

10. Committee of The Whole—All.

10a. Approves Superintendent’s Recommendation for HIB case #4 and case #5

RESOLVED, that the Chester Board of Education approves the Superintendent’s recommendation for HIB Case #4 and Case #5.

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Motion by _____ Seconded by _____

Roll Call Vote	JB	AC	MD	RF	SK	CL	HR	SS	KW

11. Buildings, Grounds, Transportation/Finance— *Amy Collins (chair) Matthew Downs, 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	3/25/22	\$661,015.03
Bills List	3/31/22	\$785,261.60

11b. Approves Travel Requests

RESOLVED, that pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:11-1 and N.J.A.C.6A:23A and Board Policy 9250 and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approves the following travel requests:

Date	Employee Conference/Workshop	Registration-Tuition	Travel Misc.	Estimated Total Expense
June 7-10, 2022	Tanya Dawson 2022 NJASBO Conference Atlantic City, NJ	\$275.00	\$311.94	\$586.94
May 3-5, 2022	Brandon Kornbluh Crisis Prevention Training Edison, NJ	\$3,899.00	\$79.50	\$3978.50

11c. Approves Submission of the 2022 Safety Grant Application

Resolved, upon recommendation of the School Business Administrator, the Chester School Board of Education approves the submission of the 2022 Safety Grant Application Program through the New Jersey Schools Insurance Group's ERIC WEST sub fund for the purpose of upgrading the District's security camera and door system in the amount of \$13,600.

11d. Approves Joint Transportation Agreement for the 2022-2023 School Year

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18-22 and 23, the Chester Board of Education may jointly, by agreement, provide for goods and services with other boards of education including transportation services; and

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WHEREAS, the **Sussex County Regional Cooperative** are able to provide transportation services to children who are residents of the Chester School District.

WHEREAS, the Sussex County Regional Cooperative agrees to transport public, nonpublic and special education pupils on established rates as assigned in writing by the Board.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chester Board of Education approves a joint transportation agreement for the 2022-2023 school year with Sussex County Regional Cooperative to provide transportation services as the lead agencies where the cost of transportation services will be prorated based on the contractual requirements and actual costs in accordance with the rules, regulations, and policies established by State law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chester Board of Education authorizes Sussex County Regional Cooperative to receive bids, if necessary, on behalf of the board for these transportation services.

11e. Approves Student Evaluation

RESOLVED, that the Chester Board of Education approves Dr. Seth Dorsky as a psychiatrist to evaluate students at a cost up to \$975.00.

11f. Approves Physical Therapist (Detore)

RESOLVED, that the Chester Board of Education approves Dr. Donna Detore to provide physical therapy services at an hourly rate of \$95 for 11.5 hours weekly for a total cost of up to \$39,330 for the 2022-2023 school year.

11g. Approves Camp Achieve/Camp Success to attend Chester Pool

RESOLVED, that the Chester Board of Education approve Camp Achieve/Camp Success to attend Chester Pool on Mondays and Wednesdays from July 6, 2022 through August 9, 2022.

11h. Approves Camp Achieve Music Therapy Services

RESOLVED, that the Chester Board of Education approves Jammin’ Jen Music Therapy to provide music therapy services for the Camp Achieve summer program July 6, 2022- August 9, 2022 for 3 weekly visits at \$70 per visit for a total of \$1,050.

11i. Approves Nursing Services (student #20496)

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approves Bayada Home Health Care to provide nursing services to student #20496 at \$62.00 an hour for up to 6 hours a day for the extended school year effective July 6, 2022.

Motion by _____

Seconded by _____

Roll Call Vote	JB	AC	MD	RF	SK	CL	HR	SS	KW

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12. Curriculum/Governance/Personnel—*Heather Ronco (chair) John Barounis, Rebekah Forlenza and Sarah Schultz*

12a. Rescinds Resolution (Rivas)

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education rescinds Resolution (121.) from the March 1, 2022 meeting that approves Yeison Rivas as a Custodian, at Black River Middle School.

12b. Amends Resolution Start Date (Kornbluh)

RESOLVED that, the Chester Board of Education amends Resolution (12b.) from the March 14, 2022 meeting to revise the start date for Brandon Kornbluh, School Social Worker to April 4, 2022.

12c. Amends Resolution Start Date (Liska)

RESOLVED that, the Chester Board of Education amends Resolution (15b.) from the January 4, 2022 board meeting to revise the end date for Taylor Liska a long-term maternity leave replacement for employee #1013 from June 30, 2022 to April 12, 2022.

12d. Amends Resolution Hours (Haight)

RESOLVED that, the Chester Board of Education amends Resolution (12c.) from the March 1, 2022 board meeting to revise the hours from six hours for two days to five hours daily.

12e. Amends Start and End Dates in Summer Scholars Resolutions

RESOLVED that, the Chester Board of Education amends the Summer Scholars program resolutions to revise the dates of the program to July 5, 2022 through August 4, 2022

12f. Approves Staff for Project Literacy Program

RESOLVED, that the Chester Board of Education approves the following substitute teacher on an as needed basis for the Project Literacy program to provide instruction at the professional rate of \$62 for up to 1.5 hours per week effective March 2, 2022 for ten weeks for a total cost of up to \$930 to be funded by the Title III Grant.

Lauren Marianino

12g. Approves Substitute for Nursing Services (Strickland)

RESOLVED, that the Chester Board of Education approves Kelly Strickland a substitute nurse to provide nursing services on an as needed basis to student # 20496 for up to five hours daily at the professional hourly rate of \$62 effective April 1, 2022 through the remainder of the school year.

12h. Approves Non-Tenured Teachers 2022-2023 School Year

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approves the following non-tenured teachers for the 2022-2023 school year prior to ratified contract:

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Name	Step	Salary
Melissa D’Auria	Step 4 BA	\$53,535.00
Susannah Patience	Step 1 MA+15	\$59,085.00
Gina Ruvolo	Step 1 BA	\$52,335.00
Amy Schwartz	Step 18A MA+15	\$84,885.00
Jacquelyn Tasker	Step 9 MA	\$61,535.00
Micol Viscuso	Step 4 BA	\$53,535.00
Lorri Willis	Step 9 MA	\$61,535.00
Bragg School		
Name	Step	Salary
Laura Allen	Step 2 BA	\$52,735.00
Alexis Carle	Step 4 BA	\$53,535.00
Evelyn Casperson	Step 5 BA	\$53,935.00
Angelina Cicero	Step 5 BA	\$53,935.00
Heather Hoffman	Step 1 MA	\$58,335.00
Gretchen Jacot	Step 17 MA	\$77,235.00
Christopher Jala	Step 4 BA+15	\$55,035.00
Brandon Kornbluh	Step 12 MA	\$70,135.00
Danette Lewis	Step 9 MA	\$31,067.50
Patricia Lewis	Step 5 MA+15	\$30,342.50
Elizabeth McGookin	Step 2 BA+30	\$28,992.50
Lauren Seibert	Step 9 MA	\$62,135.00
Dickerson School		
Name	Step	Salary
Linda Blazier	Step 12 MA+15	\$70,885.00
Julie Curtin	Step 17 BA+15	\$83,035.00
Annabelle Edelmann	Step 2 BA	\$52,735.00
Valerie Lemp	Step 2 BA	\$52,735.00
Liz Madinabeitia	Step 11 MA	\$67,235.00
Courtney Nealon	Step 1 BA	\$52,335.00
Denielle Saucedo	Step 9 MA	\$62,135.00
Sarah Skrabal	Step 12 MA	\$70,135.00

12i. Approves Teachers Who Receive Tenure in 2022-2023 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 2022-2023 school year prior to ratified contract:

BRMS				
Name	Position	Step	Salary	Tenure Date
Lauren Marianino	ELL Teacher	Step 5 MA+15	\$60,685.00	09/02/2022

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Catherine McPherson	6 th Grade So- cial Studies Teacher	Step 5 BA	\$53,935.00	12/02/2022
Bragg School				
Name	Position	Step	Salary	Tenure Date
Cassandra Cangiano	5 th Grade Teacher	Step 5 MA	\$59,935.00	09/02/2022
Katherine Strauss	CAAP Teacher	Step 7-8 MA+30	\$65,060.00	09/02/2022
Dickerson School				
Name	Position	Step	Salary	Tenure Date
Katherine Turnbull	Kindergarten Teacher	Step 5 MA	\$59,935.00	09/02/2022

12j. 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 2022-2023 school year prior to ratified contract:

Dickerson School		
Name	Step	Salary
Melissa Sant	6	\$51,435.00

12k. Approves Secretary Who Receive Tenure in 2022-2023 School Year

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approves the following secretary who will receive tenure for the 2022-2023 school year prior to ratified contract:

BRMS			
Name	Step	Salary	Tenure Date
Kimberly Vanderwall	6	\$51,435.00	08/02/2022

12l. Approves Camp Achieve/Camp Success Program Teacher/Staff

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approves the following teacher/staff for the 2022 Camp Achieve/Camp Success Extended School year program, at the professional hourly rate of \$62 from July 6, 2022 through August 9, 2022 (20 days) prior to ratified contract:

Teacher	Total (up to)
Jennifer Christal-Lead Teacher (18 hours advance prep)	\$1,116

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Jennifer Christal-Lead Teacher (5.5 hours/day)	\$6,820
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12m. Approves Camp Achieve Nurse (Pape)

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approves Anne Pape as School Nurse for the Camp Achieve summer program from July 6, 2022, through August 9, 2022, at the professional hourly rate of \$62 (includes one prep day) for up to 5.5 hours daily at a cost of up to \$7,161 prior to ratified contract.

12n. Approves Camp Achieve/Camp Success Teachers

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approves the following teacher for the Camp Achieve/Camp Success summer program from July 6, 2022 through August 9, 2022, at \$62 (includes one prep day) for up to 4.5 hours daily prior to ratified contract:

Teacher	Total (up to)
Kathleen Werner	\$5,859
Gretchen Capan	\$5,859
Kelli Dolan	\$5,859
Maryanne Vindici	\$5,859
Sarah Warren	\$5,859

12o. Approves Camp Achieve/Camp Success Teacher (Oakes)

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approves Kelly Oakes as a teacher for the Camp Achieve/Camp Success summer program from July 6, 2022 through August 9, 2022, at an hourly rate of \$62 (includes one prep day) for up to 4.5 hours daily at a total cost of up to \$5,859.

12p. Approves Camp Achieve/Camp Success Related Arts Teachers

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approves the following Related Arts teacher for the Camp Achieve/Camp Success summer program from July 6, 2022 through August 9, 2022, at \$62 (includes one prep day) for up to 4.5 hours (2 days a week) prior to ratified contract:

Teacher	Total (up to)
Sara Kozlowski	\$3,069
Lori Vilagos	\$3,069

12q. Approves Camp Achieve/Camp Success Paraprofessionals

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approves the following paraprofessionals with ABA for the Camp Achieve/Camp Success summer program from July 6, 2022 through August 9, 2022, (20 days) at their contracted hourly rate for up to 6.5 hours daily:

Paraprofessional/ABA	Hourly Rate	Total (up to)
Paul Shira	\$19.58	\$2,545.40
Rose Alban	\$17.50	\$2,275.00

12r. Approves Professional Work

RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approves the following teachers for up to 4 hours of professional work for CANDO parent meetings at the professional hourly rate of \$62:

Teacher	Hours	Total (up to)
Melissa Bene	2	\$124
Linda Mayers	2	\$124
Debra Androvette	4	\$248
Erika Rosamilia	2	\$124
Gretchen Capan	4	\$248
John Christie	2	\$124
Denielle Saucedo	2	\$124
Jennifer Christal	4	\$248
Lauren Marianino	2	\$124

12s. Approves Camp Achieve/Camp Success Substitutes Teachers

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approves Chester district teachers as needed to serve as substitute teachers for the 2022 Camp Achieve/Camp Success summer program and/or to attend Child Study Team meetings at the professional hourly rate of \$62 prior to ratified contract.

12t. Approves Teacher for Summer Translation (Capan)

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approves Gretchen Capan to translate documents from English to Spanish for up to 10 hours per month for the extended school year at the professional hourly rate of \$62 for a total cost of up to \$620 prior to ratified contract.

12u. Approves Camp Achieve/Camp Success Bus Drivers

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approves the following bus drivers for Camp Achieve and Camp Success programs for the 2022-2023 ESY from July 6, 2022 through August 9, 2022 (20 days) at their contracted hourly rate:

Driver	Hourly Rate
Holly Law	\$31.51
Yoslin Lopez	\$29.44
Dom Mercado	\$29.44
Emily Perez	\$29.44
Pamela Roberts	\$31.51

12v. Approves Camp Achieve/Camp Success Substitute Bus Driver

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approves Tracy Kometani substitute bus driver for Camp Achieve and Camp

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Success programs from July 6, 2022 through August 9, 2022 at her contracted hourly rate of \$29.44.

12w. Approves CST Members to Complete Summer Evaluations

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approves the following CST members to complete summer evaluations for up to 30 hours (5 cases) from July 1, 2022 through August 22, 2022 at the professional hourly rate of \$62 prior to ratified contract:

CST Member	Total (up to)
Andrea Colicchio	\$1,860
Amy Hayes	\$1,860
Vivian Norman	\$1,860
Melissa Scherzer	\$1,860
Sarah Southwick	\$1,860

12x. Accepts Resignation (Lopez)

RESOLVED that the Chester Board of Education accepts the resignation of Edelmira Lopez, Custodian at Bragg School, effective April 29, 2022.

12y. Approves Senior Technical Support Specialist (Machusky)

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approves John Machusky as Senior Technical Support Specialist with an annual salary of \$50,000 effective May 1, 2022.

12z. Approves Professional Work

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approves the following staff members for up to 20 hours each of Physical Education/Health curriculum work at the contracted professional hourly rate of \$62 for a total of up to \$1,240.

Grade Level	Subject	Staff Member
K-2	Physical Education/Health	Ronald Fazekas
3-5	Physical Education/Health	Sara Kozlowski
6-8	Physical Education/Health	Melissa D’Auria
6-8	Physical Education/Health	Christopher Duffy

12aa. Approves Custodian (Mejia)

RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approves Hector Mejia as a Custodian, at BRMS with an annual salary of \$43,175 (pro-rated) May1, 2022 through June 30, 2022 pending the approval of the criminal history background check for school employees and compliance with NJ P.L.2018, c 5. paid from Account #11-000-262-100-001-000.

12bb. Approves Custodian (Roza)

RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approves Angelica Roza as a Custodian, at Bragg School with an annual salary of \$43,175 (pro-rated) May1, 2022 through June 30, 2022 pending the approval of the criminal history background check for school employees and compliance with NJ P.L.2018, c 5. paid from Account #11-000-262-100-001-000.

12cc. Approves Child Bonding Leave (Katzenoff)

Resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent the Chester Board of Education approves Dana Katzenoff for an extended child bonding leave for the 2022-2023 unpaid.

12dd. Accepts Retirement (Beaudin)

RESOLVED, that the Chester Board of Education accepts the retirement of Sophia Beaudin, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent of Schools with much gratitude for 16 years of service, effective July 31, 2022.

Motion by_____

Seconded by_____

Roll Call Vote	JB	AC	MD	RF	SK	CL	HR	SS	KW

13. 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 April 12, 2022 at ____ p.m. to discuss HIB and Negotiations. It is expected that the minutes will be made public as soon as official action is taken.

Motion by_____

Seconded by_____

Roll Call Vote	JB	AC	MD	RF	SK	CL	HR	SS	KW

14. Return to Public Session

Motion by_____

Seconded by_____

Roll Call Vote	JB	AC	MD	RF	SK	CL	HR	SS	KW

15. Unfinished Business

16. New Business

17. Adjournment

Motion by_____

Seconded by_____

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Roll Call Vote	JB	AC	MD	RF	SK	CL	HR	SS	KW