

**SPECIAL MEETING
DECEMBER 20, 2021
MINUTES**

1. Call to Order

Mike Tomasco, Board President, called the meeting to order on December 20, 2021 at 8:01 a.m. in the Chester Borough Courtroom, 50 North Road, Chester, NJ 07930

2. Sunshine Announcement

Mike Tomasco, President, announced that this meeting was 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 (via phone)	Yes	Heather Ronco	Yes
Carolyn Kleppe-Collins	Absent	Mike Tomasco	Yes
Rebekah Forlenza	Absent	Billy Webster	Absent
Sara Kalashian	Absent	Kerri Wright	Yes
Christopher Lowry	Yes	Quorum	Yes

4. Pledge of Allegiance

Mike Tomasco, Board President, led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

5. Administration- Dr. Christina VanWoert and Tanya Dawson

6. President's Comments

None

7. Presentations:

None

8. Public Commentary

None

9. Approval of Minutes

None

10. Committee of The Whole—All.

None

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

None

12. Curriculum/Governance/Personnel— Heather Ronco and Mike Tomasco

Upon the motion of Mike Tomasco and seconded by Heather Ronco, the Board approved the following resolutions:

12a. Approves French Teacher (Viscuso)

RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approves Micol Viscuso as a French Teacher, at Black River Middle School effective February 23, 2022 through the remainder of the 2021-2022 school, Step 4 BA with an annual salary of \$53,535 with benefits to be paid from Acct#11-130-100-101-001-000, pending the approval of the criminal history background check for school employees and compliance with NJ P.L.2018, c 5.

12b. Approves Termination of (Emp. #1455)

WHEREAS, Employee #1455, in his/her capacity as Employee of the Board of Education has not fulfilled his/her responsibilities to the Board adequately; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent now recommends the Board terminate the employment of Employee #1455 as of January 19, 2022.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Chester Board of Education that Employee #1455 be terminated from their employment with the Board of Education, in accordance with any applicable notice provisions of the Employment Contract and/or collective negotiations agreement.

12c. Approves Termination of (Emp. #1463)

WHEREAS, Employee #1463, in his/her capacity as Employee of the Board of Education has not fulfilled his/her responsibilities to the Board adequately; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent now recommends the Board terminate the employment of Employee #1463 as of January 19, 2022.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Chester Board of Education that Employee #1463 be terminated from their employment with the Board of Education, in accordance with any applicable notice provisions of the Employment Contract and/or collective negotiations agreement.

Motion by Mike Tomasco

Seconded by Heather Ronco

Roll Call Vote	AC	CKC	RF	SK	CL	HR	MT	BW	KW
5-0	Yes	Absent	Absent	Absent	Yes	Yes	Yes	Absent	Yes

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 December 20, 2021 at 8:05 a.m. to discuss personnel. It is expected that the minutes will be made public as soon as official action is taken.

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Motion by Mike Tomasco

Seconded by Heather Ronco

Roll Call Vote	AC	CKC	RF	SK	CL	HR	MT	BW	KW
5-0	Yes	Absent	Absent	Absent	Yes	Yes	Yes	Absent	Yes

14. Return to Public Session

Upon the motion of Mike Tomasco and seconded by Kerri Wright the Board considered a motion to return to public session at 8:07 a.m.

Motion by Mike Tomasco

Seconded by Kerri Wright

Roll Call Vote	AC	CKC	RF	SK	CL	HR	MT	BW	KW
5-0	Yes	Absent	Absent	Absent	Yes	Yes	Yes	Absent	Yes

15. Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, upon the motion of Mike Tomasco and seconded by Heather Ronco the Board considered a motion to adjourn at 8:08 a.m.

Motion by Mike Tomasco

Seconded by Heather Ronco

Roll Call Vote	AC	CKC	RF	SK	CL	HR	MT	BW	KW
5-0	Yes	Absent	Absent	Absent	Yes	Yes	Yes	Absent	Yes

Respectfully Submitted,

Tanya Dawson
Board Secretary