

CHESTER BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING—BOARD RETREAT
June 1, 2018
MINUTES

1. Call To Order

Mike Tomasco, Board President, called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m., at the Chester Borough Field House, 107 Seminary Avenue, Chester, New Jersey.

2. Sunshine Announcement

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

3. Roll Call

Amy Collins	Yes	Heather Ronco	Yes
Rebekah Forlenza (9:11 a.m.)	Yes	Rajat Shah (9:08 a.m.)	Yes
Carolyn Kleppe-Collins	Yes	Mike Tomasco	Yes
Christopher Lowry	Yes	Kerri Wright	Yes
Liz Madinabeitia	Yes	Quorum	Yes

4. Administration—Tanya Dawson and Dr. Christina Van Woert. Dr. Van Woert outlined the agenda for the day.

5. Pledge of Allegiance

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

6. Ethics Training

Charlene Petersen, NJSBA Field Service Representative provided ethics training to the Board.

7. Superintendent Evaluation Training

Charlene Petersen, NJSBA Field Service Representative gave a presentation and guidance on the new Superintendent evaluation process.

• **Board Self-Evaluation**

Charlene Petersen, NJSBA Field Service Representative, reviewed the results of the Board's Self-Evaluation. Ms. Peterson stated the Board was high performing and consistent.

8. Executive Session

Upon the motion of Mike Tomasco and seconded by Chris Lowry, the Board approved the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 and 10:4-13 the Chester Board of Education holds a closed session on June 1, 2018 at 10:28 a.m. to discuss personnel, student discipline and HIB issues. It is expected that the minutes will be made public as soon as official action is taken.

Motion by: **Mike Tomasco**

Seconded by: **Chris Lowry**

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

9. Return to Public Session

Upon the motion of Mike Tomasco and seconded by Kerri Wright, at 10:44 a.m. the Board returned to regular session.

Motion by: **Mike Tomasco**

Seconded by: **Kerri Wright**

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

The Board took the following action:

Upon the motion of Mike Tomasco and seconded by Kerri Wright, the Board approved the following resolution:

10. Approves the Superintendent's Recommendation for Bullying Case #8

RESOLVED, that the Chester Board of Education approves the Superintendent's recommendation for Bullying Case #8.

11. Approves the Superintendent's Recommendation for Bullying Case #9

RESOLVED, that the Chester Board of Education approves the Superintendent's recommendation for Bullying Case #9.

12. Approves the Superintendent's Recommendation for Bullying Case #10

RESOLVED, that the Chester Board of Education approves the Superintendent's recommendation for Bullying Case #10.

Motion by **Mike Tomasco**

Seconded by **Kerri Wright**

Roll Call Vote	AC	RF	CKC	CL	LM	HR	RS	MT	KW
9-0				Yes					
Except	Yes	Yes	Yes	Except	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
12				12					
8-1				Abstain					

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

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

13a. Adopts 2019-2020 School Calendar

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education adopts the 2019-2020 school calendar, a copy of which is available for public review on the Chester School District's website.

13b. Approves Substitutes

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

Rachael Brunetti

Certified.

Motion by: **Mike Tomasco**

Seconded by: **Heather Ronco**

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

14. Teacher Presentations

Presentations were given by Art teachers, Lori Vilagos, Bragg School and Sarah Smith, BRMS, Child Study Team members, Sarah Southwick and Amy Hayes, and Media Specialists, Lisa Connolly, Bragg School and Janet Aaronson, BRMS.

15. Goal Setting

Dr. Van Woert and Tanya Dawson facilitated the Board's goal setting process.

Board Member, Carolyn Kleppe-Collins left the meeting at 12:46 p.m.

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16. Lunch

The Board had lunch.

17. Public Commentary

18. Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, upon the motion of Mike Tomasco and seconded by Rajat Shah, the Board considered a motion to adjourn at 1:46 p.m.

Motion by **Mike Tomasco**

Seconded by **Rajat Shah**

Roll Call Vote	AC	RF	CKC	CL	LM	HR	RS	MT	KW
7-0	Yes	Yes	Absent	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Absent

Respectfully Submitted,



Tanya Dawson
Board Secretary

