

**CHESTER BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING—BOARD RETREAT
May 10, 2019
MINUTES**

1. Sunshine Announcement

Mike Tomasco, Board President, called the meeting to order at 9:12 a.m. at the Chester Borough Field House, 107 Seminary Avenue, Chester, N.J.

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	Yes	Rajat Shah	Yes
Sara Kalashian	Yes	Mike Tomasco	Yes
Christopher Lowry	Absent	Kerri Wright	Yes
Liz Madinabeitia	Yes	Quorum	Yes

4. Pledge of Allegiance

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

5. Administration—Tanya Dawson and Dr. Christina Van Woert

Dr. Van Woert outlined the agenda for the day. She gave an update on an ongoing mediation case.

Tanya Dawson gave an update on Transportation for the 2019-20 school year.

6. NJ School Boards Training – Charlene Peterson

See attached summary.

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

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

7a. Approves Bills List

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the School Business Administrator, the Chester Board of Education approves payment of the May 10, 2019 bills list as approved by the Finance Committee.

Bills List	Totals
Check Run	\$38,120.00

Motion by Mike Tomasco

Seconded by Heather Ronco

Roll Call Vote	AC	RF	SK	CL	LM	HR	RS	MT	KW
8-0	Yes	Yes	Yes	Absent	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

8. Presentations:

Danielle Meekings, District Literacy Coach, presented on the district's Holocaust curriculum.

Brad Currie, Director of Planning, Research, and Evaluation, presented on NJ School performance.

9. Goal Setting

See attached summary.

10. Lunch

The Board had lunch

11. Executive Session

Upon the motion of Mike Tomasco and seconded by Heather Ronco, 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 May 10, 2019 at 12.22 a.m. to discuss personnel – Superintendent evaluation and negotiations update. It is expected that the minutes will be made public as soon as official action is taken.

Motion by Mike Tomasco

Seconded by Heather Ronco

Roll Call Vote	AC	RF	SK	CL	LM	HR	RS	MT	KW
8-0	Yes	Yes	Yes	Absent	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

12. Return to Public Session

Upon the motion of Mike Tomasco and seconded by Heather Ronco, at 1:17 the Board returned to regular session.

Motion by Mike Tomasco

Seconded by Heather Ronco

Roll Call Vote	AC	RF	SK	CL	LM	HR	RS	MT	KW
8-0	Yes	Yes	Yes	Absent	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

13. Public Commentary

There were no members of the public in attendance.

14. 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 1:46 p.m.

Motion by Mike Tomasco

Seconded by Heather Ronco

Roll Call Vote	AC	RF	SK	CL	LM	HR	RS	MT	KW
8-0	Yes	Yes	Yes	Absent	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Respectfully Submitted,



Tanya Dawson
Board Secretary