

**REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 16, 2021
AGENDA**

*A regular meeting of the Chester Board of Education will be held on
February 16, 2021 at 6:00 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		Vacant	
Carolyn Kleppe-Collins		Heather Ronco	
Rebekah Forlenza		Mike Tomasco	
Sara Kalashian		Kerri Wright	
Christopher Lowry		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

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 specific school personnel or any person connected with the school system. Other chan-*

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nels 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 January 18, 2021

RESOLVED, that the Chester Board of Education approves the Regular meeting minutes of the meeting held on January 18, 2021

9b. Approves Executive Meeting Minutes from January 18, 2021

RESOLVED, that the Chester Board of Education approves the Executive meeting minutes of the meeting held on January 18, 2021

Motion by_____

Seconded by_____

Roll Call Vote	AC	CKC	RF	SK	CL	Vacant	HR	MT	KW

10. Committee of The Whole—All.

10a. Approves Superintendent's Recommendation for HIB case #1

RESOLVED, that the Chester Board of Education approves the Superintendent's recommendation for HIB Case #1.

10b. Approves Superintendent's Recommendation for HIB case #2

RESOLVED, that the Chester Board of Education approves the Superintendent's recommendation for HIB Case #2.

Motion by_____

Seconded by_____

Roll Call Vote	AC	CKC	RF	SK	CL	Vacant	HR	MT	KW

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	01/29/2021	\$612,970.24
Payroll	02/12/2021	\$613,610.59

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Bills List 02/16/2021	\$1,867,690.45
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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	<u>Employee</u> Conference/Workshop	Registration- Tuition	Travel Misc.	Estimated Total Expense
February-May 2021	Kelly Dolan Comprehensive Virtual IMSE Orton-Gillingham Training	\$1,275	Virtual	\$1,275
February-May 2021	Gretchen Jacot Comprehensive Virtual IMSE Orton-Gillingham Training	\$1,275	Virtual	\$1,275
February-May 2021	Alexandra Johnson Comprehensive Virtual IMSE Orton-Gillingham Training	\$1,275	Virtual	\$1,275
February-May 2021	Valerie Lemp Comprehensive Virtual IMSE Orton-Gillingham Training	\$1,275	Virtual	\$1,275
February-May 2021	Millicent Roskie Comprehensive Virtual IMSE Orton-Gillingham Training	\$1,275	Virtual	\$1,275
February-May 2021	Karen Weber Comprehensive Virtual IMSE Orton-Gillingham Training	\$1,275	Virtual	\$1,275
March 9-12, 2021	Cassie Bruno Visualizing and Verbaliz- ing Training	\$1,150	Virtual	\$1,150
March 9-12, 2021	Nicole Healy Visualizing and Verbaliz- ing Training	\$1,150	Virtual	\$1,150
March 9-12, 2021	Erin Beil Visualizing and Verbaliz- ing Training	\$1,150	Virtual	\$1,150
March 9-12, 2021	Danielle Meekings Visualizing and Verbaliz- ing Training	\$1,150	Virtual	\$1,150

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June 7-11, 2021	Christa Bedkowski Comprehensive Virtual IMSE Orton-Gillingham Training	\$1,275	Virtual	\$1,275
June 7-11, 2021	Erica David Comprehensive Virtual IMSE Orton-Gillingham Training	\$1,275	Virtual	\$1,275

11c. Approves Breakfast Program

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the School Business Administrator, the Chester Board of Education approve the Emergency SSO Breakfast contract effective January 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021. The purpose of this Emergency SSO Breakfast contract is to include the School Breakfast Program for the 2020-21 school year for schools participating in the Seamless Summer option (SSO). Pursuant to USDA's COVID-19: Child Nutrition Response #59.

11d. Approves Out of District Placement (Spectrum 360)

RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approve student #18771 to attend Spectrum 360, Verona, at a tuition rate of \$395.93 per day for a total cost of \$81,165.65 (prorated to \$16,629.02) for the 2020-2021 school year, extraordinary services of \$175.00 per day for a total cost of \$of \$35,875.00 (prorated to \$7,350) effective March 1, 2021.

11e. Approves Home Instruction (Anthony Hanes & Associates)

RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approve Anthony Hanes & Associates to provide home instruction services to student #19045 at \$65.00 an hour for up to 10 hours weekly effective February 8, 2021 for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year.

Motion by_____

Seconded by_____

Roll Call Vote	AC	CKC	RF	SK	CL	Vacant	HR	MT	KW

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

12a. Approves Horizontal Advancement on Guide

RESOLVED, that the Chester Board of Education approves horizontal advancement on the salary guide for the following staff members effective March 1, 2021:

Name	Current Step/Guide	Advance Step/Guide
Christine Donlon	11-12 BA+15	11-12 BA+30
Francesca Ragonese	8 BA +15	8 BA+30
Millicent Roskie	9-10 BA+30	9-10 MA +30

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Lori Vilagos	16 BA+15	16 BA+30
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12b. Approves Staff for Extra-Curricular Activities (BRMS)

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approves the following staff to conduct board approved extra-curricular activities for the 2020-2021 school year with stipends as determined by Schedule “B” of the Agreement between The Chester Board of Education and The Chester Education Association:

BRMS Club	Advisor
“Encore” Jazz Ensemble/(1)	Kenneth Piascik
Honors Music (1)	Kenneth Piascik

12c. Approves SEMI Waiver

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-5.3 provides that a school district may request a waiver of compliance with respect to the district’s participation in the Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Program for the 2021-2022 school year; and

WHEREAS, the Chester Board of Education desires to apply for this waiver due to the fact that it projects having 40 or fewer Medicaid eligible Special Education Students.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Chester Board of Education hereby authorizes the Chief School Administrator to submit to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools in the County of Morris an appropriate waiver of the requirements of NJAC 6A:23A-5.3 for the 2021-22 school year.

12d. Amends Resolution (Employee #1380)

Resolved: that the Board of Education amends the Date of Return of the following maternity leave of absence for employee # 1380:

	From	To
Leave (Start Date)	10/19/2020	10/19/2020
Accumulated Sick Days (Applied)	0	0
FMLA/NJFLI Start Date (unpaid with benefits)	12/03/2020	12/03/2020
Extended Leave Start Date (unpaid without benefits)	3/3/2021	3/3/2021
Date of Return (Anticipated)	3/11/2021	8/2021

12e. Amends Resolution (Becker)

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education amends the end date of employment for Kristi Becker a long term maternity leave replacement for employee #1380:

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From:	To:
03/19/2021	End of 20-21 SY

12f. Approves Statement of Assurance Professional Development/Mentoring Plan

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

<u>New Employee</u> <i>(New to profession must pay mentor fee of \$550 or prorated amount)</i>	Mentor	School
Laura Allen	Christa Bedkowski	Bragg

Motion by_____

Seconded by_____

Roll Call Vote	AC	CKC	RF	SK	CL	Vacant	HR	MT	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 February 16, 2021 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	CKC	RF	SK	CL	Vacant	HR	MT	KW

14. Return to Public Session

Motion by_____

Seconded by_____

Roll Call Vote	AC	CKC	RF	SK	CL	Vacant	HR	MT	KW

15. Unfinished Business

16. New Business

17. Adjournment

Motion by_____

Seconded by_____

Roll Call Vote	AC	CKC	RF	SK	CL	Vacant	HR	MT	KW

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