

**REGULAR MEETING  
OCTOBER 12, 2021  
MINUTES**

**1. Call To Order**

Mike Tomasco, Board President, called the meeting to order on October 12, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the Chester Borough Courtroom, 50 North Road, Chester, NJ 07930

**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	Yes	Heather Ronco (via phone)	Yes
Carolyn Kleppe-Collins	Yes	Mike Tomasco	Yes
Rebekah Forlenza	Yes	Billy Webster	Yes
Sara Kalashian	Yes	Kerri Wright	Yes
Christopher Lowry	Yes	<b>Quorum</b>	<b>Yes</b>

**4. Pledge of Allegiance**

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

**5. Administration- Dr. Christina VanWoert and Tanya Dawson**

**5a. Superintendent's Report**

•Recognize, Kerri Wright, NJSBA School Board Member of the Year

**5b. Business Administrator's Report**

•Reminder that November Board meeting moved to November 9, 2021

**6. President's Comments**

None

**7. Presentations:**

QSAC by Dr. Christina VanWoert

**8. Public Commentary**

John Barounis - Spoke about the importance of parental rights and expressed concerns about the masking and the severity of COVID-19. Noted that he was against the masks for students and believed they were unfairly restrictive. Would like the masking to end as soon as possible.

Tom Clark - Spoke about incidents at other board of education meetings. Wanted to know about the type of literature available in our school libraries and whether or not any of it can be construed as pornography.

Mike Barrish - Commented on something that was said by John Barounis. Not everyone feels like the first gentleman that spoke. Wearing masks, washing hands and using sanitizer is not causing a wedge within families. There are many parents and community members who support the district's cautious approach to the COVID-19 health and safety protocols.

Sara Schultz - Where can we find more information about Covid funding?

Dr. Mike McCarthy - Wanted to commend the Board for all the work they do. Asked the Board if they had any comments on the groundbreaking lawsuits against Boards and individual members. Any thoughts?

**9. Approval of Minutes**

*The Board took the following action:*

**9a. Approves Regular Meeting Minutes from September 14, 2021**

RESOLVED, that the Chester Board of Education approves the Regular meeting minutes of the meeting held on September 14, 2021.

**9b. Approves Regular Meeting Executive Minutes from September 14, 2021**

RESOLVED, that the Chester Board of Education approves the Regular meeting Executive minutes of the meeting held on September 14, 2021.

Motion by Mike Tomasco

Seconded by Kerri Wright

Roll Call Vote	AC	CKC	RF	SK	CL	HR	MT	BW	KW
9-0	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

**10. Committee of The Whole—All.**

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

**10a. Appoints QSAC Committee**

RESOLVED, that pursuant to NJA.C. 6A:30-3.2, the Chester Board of Education approves the following to serve on the QSAC Committee:

Dr. Christina Van Woert, Superintendent  
Tanya Dawson, Business Administrator/Board Secretary  
Brad Currie, Director of Planning, Research & Evaluation  
Melissa Fair, Dickerson School Principal  
Michele Stanton, Bragg School Principal

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Andrew White, BRMS Principal  
 Dr. Jeanette Krone, Director of Student Services  
 Sara Kozlowski, CEA President  
 Kathleen Vespignani, Vice CEA President  
 Colleen Cahill, Instruction Coach  
 Jen Christal, Instruction Coach  
 Danielle Meekings, Instruction Coach  
 John Christie Jr., Dickerson School, Teacher, Special Education  
 Kelli Dolan, Bragg School, Teacher  
 Dana Mazza, BRMS, Teacher, Gifted and Talented  
 Jerry Castro, Technology Coach  
 Laura Garrison, Technology Coach  
 Trish Pohan, Technology Coach  
 Francesca Ragonese, Technology Coach  
 Eileen Manning, President, Educational Foundation of the Chesters  
 Nancy Kofford, PTO President  
 Mike Tomasco, BOE President  
 Amy Collins, BOE Vice President  
 Rebekah Forlenza, BOE  
 Michael Dougherty, Director of Technology  
 Evan Morley, Buildings and Grounds, Director

Motion by Mike Tomasco

Seconded by Kerri Wright

Roll Call Vote	AC	CKC	RF	SK	CL	HR	MT	BW	KW
9-0	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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

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

**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 09-15-21	\$136,409.51
Payroll 09-30-21	\$654,665.92
Bills List 09-30-21	\$2,265.15
Bills List 10-12-21	\$930,627.60

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**11b. Approves Monthly Appropriation Transfers for August 2021**

RESOLVED, that the Chester Board of Education approves the following transfers within the 2021-2022 budget for the month of August 2021 in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A: 23A-16.10 (c) 1.; a copy of which is available for public review in the Chester Board of Education Business Office.

**11c. Approves Monthly Transfer Report for August 2021**

RESOLVED, that pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-13.3, the Chester Board of Education approves the Monthly Report of Transfers for August 2021; a copy of which is available for public review in the Chester Board of Education Business Office.

**11d. Approves Board Secretary Report for August 2021**

RESOLVED, that pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:17-9 and N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.2(h), the Chester Board of Education approves the Report of the Board Secretary for August 2021; a copy of which is available for public review in the Chester Board of Education Business Office.

**11e. Approves Board Treasurer Report for August 2021**

RESOLVED, that pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:17-36, the Chester Board of Education approves the Report of the Treasurer of School Monies for August 2021; a copy of which is available for public review in the Chester Board of Education Business Office.

**11f. Approves Certification of Secretary and Treasurer Report for August 2021**

RESOLVED, that pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-16.10 (c) 3, the Board Secretary does certify that no line item account has encumbrances and expenditures which in total exceed the line item appropriation; and

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10 (c) 4, the Chester Board of Education has reviewed for the minutes of this meeting the Board Secretary and Treasurer's monthly financial report for August 2021 and that no major account or fund has been over-expended

**11g. 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	Regis- tration- Tuition	Travel Misc.	Estimated Total Expense
10/27/21	Erica David Strategies & Structures for Teaching Reading & Writ- ing workshop.	\$125.00	\$0	\$125.00

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10/27/21	Debbie Foster Strategies & Structures for Teaching Reading & Writing workshop.	\$125.00	\$0	\$125.00
10/27/21	Christa Bedkowski Strategies & Structures for Teaching Reading & Writing workshop.	\$125.00	\$0	\$125.00
11/18/21- 11/19/21	Robin Kaufer ASHA National Convention 2021	\$249.00	\$0	\$249.00
11/18/21- 11/19/21	Stephanie Schultz ASHA National Conference	\$249.00	\$0	\$249.00
10/21/21- 10/22/22	Melissa Scherzer Autism NJ 39 <sup>th</sup> Annual Conference	\$149.00	\$0	\$149.00
10/20/21	Cathleen Sullivan 30 <sup>th</sup> Annual School Health Conference	\$150	\$0	\$150
11/30/21- 12/01/21	Colleen Cahill Using Guided Math to Catch Up Students Who Have Fallen behind and Accelerate the Progress of All Newark, NJ	\$489.00	\$42.00	\$531.00
11/30/21	Lauren Freund Using Guided Math to Catch Up Students Who Have Fallen behind and Accelerate the Progress of All Newark, NJ	\$289.00	\$21.00	\$310.00
11/30/21	Anne McAvinn Using Guided Math to Catch Up Students Who Have Fallen behind and Accelerate the Progress of All Newark, NJ	\$289.00	\$32.90	\$321.90
11/30/21	Katie Strauss Using Guided Math to Catch Up Students Who Have Fallen behind and Accelerate the Progress of All Newark, NJ	\$289.00	\$21.00	\$310.00
11/18/21- 11/19/21	Joseph Pizzo NCTE Annual Convention 2021	\$324.00	\$0	\$324.00

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11/05/21	Evan Morley Asbestos Operations & Maintenance Refresher	\$185.00	\$0	\$185.00
10/26/21- 10/28/21	Chester Board of Education Members, Dr. Christina VanWoert, Tanya Dawson NJSBA's Virtual Workshop 2021	\$900.00	\$0	\$900.00

**11h. Approves Renewal of Agreement with Dr. Thomas Porter**

RESOLVED, that the Chester Board of Education approves the renewal agreement for 2021-2022 school year with Dr. Thomas Porter.

**11i. Approves Accepting IDEA Grants**

RESOLVED, that the Chester Board of Education approves accepting the following grants:

IDEA FY22 Grant	
Basic	\$283,221
Preschool	\$20,889

**11j. Approves Accepting ARP IDEA Grants**

RESOLVED, that the Chester Board of Education approves accepting the following grants:

ARP IDEA FY22	
ARP Basic	\$55,418
ARP Preschool	\$4,731

**11k. Approves Feeding Therapy**

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approves HMS Associates to provide feeding therapy services for student #20406 as of June 29, 2021 through September 14, 2021 for a total amount of \$1,050.

**11l. Approves Snow Removal (Fairmount Services, LLC)**

RESOLVED, that the Chester Board of Education approves Snow Bid 22-01 for snow removal services to Fairmount Services, LLC for the 2021-22 school year.

**11m. Accepts Donation (Music Equipment)**

RESOLVED, that the Chester Board of Education accepts with much gratitude the donation of music equipment to the BRMS Music department:

"Sound Percussion" Black 4 piece Jr. Drum Set from Jonathan Rochelle

"Stagg Tim+" Blue 5-piece intermediate Drum Set from Melissa & Tom Ash

Motion by Mike Tomasco

Seconded by Kerri Wright

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Roll Call Vote	AC	CKC	RF	SK	CL	HR	MT	BW	KW
9-0 11a.-11g.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
9-0 11h.-11m.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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

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

**12a. Amends Resolution (Cicero)**

RESOLVED that, the Chester Board of Education amends Resolution **12gg.** from the August 19, 2021 to change the start date for Angelina Cicero to October 13, 2021.

**12b. Amends Resolution (Gonzalez)**

RESOLVED that, the Chester Board of Education amends Resolution **12ss.** from the August 19, 2021 to change the start date for Christine Gonzalez to October 19, 2021.

**12c. Amends Resolution (DiFabrizio)**

RESOLVED that, the Chester Board of Education amends Resolution **12tt.** from the August 19, 2021 to change the start date for Andrea DiFabrizio to October 21, 2021.

**12d. Approves Horizontal Advancement on Guide**

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

Name	Current Step/Guide	Advance Step/Guide
Christopher Jala	Step 4 BA \$53,535	Step 4 BA+15 \$55,035

**12e. Accepts Resignation (Wozniak)**

RESOLVED, that the Chester Board of Education accepts the resignation of Dawn Wozniak, paraprofessional at BRMS effective October 22, 2021.

**12f. Accepts Resignation (Hosterman)**

RESOLVED, that the Chester Board of Education accepts the resignation of Michael Hosterman, custodian at Dickerson School effective October 30, 2021.

**12g. Approves Termination of (Emp. #1198)**

WHEREAS, Employee #1198, 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 #1198 as of November 10, 2021.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Chester Board of Education that Employee #1198 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.

**12h. Approves Office Aide (Lee)**

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approves Michele Lee as an Office Aide, Bragg School 19.5 hours weekly at an hourly rate of \$17, at a salary of \$12,928.50 (prorated), paid from Account# 11-000-240-105-000-002, effective October 1, 2021 through the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year, pending the approval of the criminal history background check for school employees and compliance with NJ P.L.2018, c 5.

**12i. Approves Long Term Maternity Leave Replacement (Anderson)**

RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approves Alisa Anderson as a long term maternity leave replacement for employee #1106 assigned to Bragg School, at a salary of \$52,335 (Step 1 BA) prorated, Account: 11-120-100-101-000-002, effective October 1, 2021 through March 25, 2021, pending the approval of the criminal history background check for school employees and compliance with NJ P.L.2018, c 5.

**12j Approves Leave of Absence (Emp. #1151)**

RESOLVED: that the Board of Education approves the following leave of absence for employee #1151:

	From
Leave (Start Date)	11/3/2021
Accumulated Sick/Personal Days (Applied)	27
FMLA/NJFLA Start Date (unpaid with benefits)	N/A
Date of Return (Anticipated)	12/16/2021

**12k. Approves Leave of Absence (Emp. #1159)**

RESOLVED: that the Board of Education approves the following leave of absence for employee #1159:

	From
Leave (Start Date)	10/25/2021
Accumulated Sick/Personal Days (Applied)	5
FMLA/NJFLA Start Date (unpaid with benefits)	11/1/2021 (1 Week)



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Date of Return (Anticipated)	11/8/2021
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**12l. Approves Merit Salary Bonuses for Superintendent's Contract (VanWoert)**

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-3.1 permits a board of education to include in its contract with the Superintendent of Schools, quantitative and qualitative criteria and associated merit salary bonuses in recognition of their achievement during the school year, and

WHEREAS, the Chester Board of Education has now developed a set of annual goals for the 2021-2022 school year that it wishes to include in its contract with the Superintendent,

WHEREAS, the Executive County Superintendent approved the Merit goals,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Chester Board of Education establishes the following qualitative criteria and merit salary bonuses:

Qualitative Merit Goals	
The Superintendent will lead the district in the development, revision and implementation of the 2020 New Jersey Student Learning Standards across the following content areas: Career Readiness, Life Literacies and Key Skills; Comprehensive Health and Physical Education; Computer Science and Design Thinking; Science; Social Studies; Visual and Performing Arts; World Languages and in keeping with the State of New Jersey's new policies on diversity and inclusion. The Superintendent will also continue to monitor the 2016 adoption and implementation of the New Jersey Student Learning Standards in English Language Arts and Mathematics.	2.5% of salary
The Superintendent will lead the district in the development of a five year strategic plan involving all stakeholders through the following steps: (1) Identify a facilitator and invite key stakeholders and key communicators to be involved in the process; (2) Identify and moderate three evening dates for public forums to gather data and four meeting/workshop dates to draft the plan; (3) Frame out and identify specific categories that we want the plan to cover including, but not limited to Student Achievement, Curriculum and Instruction, Buildings & Grounds, Board Governance & Policy and Budget & Finances; (4) Research, draft and publish the Strategic Plan at a Board of Education meeting with a formal adoption and dissemination by the Board of Education.	2.5% of salary

**12m. Approves for Second Reading and Adoption Policy 5141.10**

RESOLVED, that the Chester Board of Education approves for second reading and adoption Policy 5141.10-Face Coverings.

**12n. Approves for Second Reading and Adoption Policy 5141.11**

RESOLVED, that the Chester Board of Education approves for second reading and adoption Policy 5141.11-Vaccination and Testing.

**12o. Approves for First Reading Policy 2224.1**

RESOLVED, that the Chester Board of Education approves for first reading Policy 2224.1.-Title IX-Sex Based Discrimination.

**12p. Approves for First Reading Policy 6140**

RESOLVED, that the Chester Board of Education approves for first reading Policy 6140-Curriculum Adoption.

**12q. Approves Staff Member for Summer Prep Work (Lakefield)**

RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approves the following teacher/CST specialist/Guidance Counselor for up to five hours of summer prep work for the Bulldogs Preview program at the contracted professional hourly rate of \$62 for a total of up to \$310 paid from ESSER III funding:

Michelle Lakefield

**12r. Approves the Uniform State Memorandum of Agreement**

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approves the 2021-2022 Uniform State Memorandum of Agreement between Education and Law Enforcement Officials as approved by the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety and the New Jersey Department of Education.

**12s. Approves Superintendent's Professional Development Plan**

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approves the Superintendent's Professional Development Plan.

**12t. Approves Chester School District Job Descriptions**

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approves all job descriptions for the 2021-2022 school year.

**12u. Approves Submission of ARP IDEA FY22 Grant**

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approves submission of ARP IDEA FY22 grant in the following amounts:

ARP Basic	\$55,418
ARP Preschool	\$4,731

**12v. Amends Position Change (Amaya)**

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approves a position change for Iris Amaya from night custodian to mid-day custodian effective October 1, 2021 at a salary rate \$37,170 (prorated) for the 2021-2022 school year.

**12w. Approves Extra work Trips**

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent that the Chester Board of Education approves Pam Roberts, district bus driver to transport sport bus trips at the hourly rate of \$30.59 for the 2021-2022 school year.

**12x. Accepts Resignation (Biel)**

RESOLVED, that the Chester Board of Education accepts the resignation of Sabine Biel, custodian at Bragg School, effective October 8, 2021.

**12y. Approves Nursing Plan for 2021-2022 School Year**

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent that the Chester Board of Education approves the Nursing Plan for the 2021-2022 school year.

**12z. Approves Unified Sports Club Advisors**

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent that the Chester Board of Education approves the following teachers as Unified Sports Club Advisors for the 2021-2022 school year with stipends as determined by Schedule “B” of the Agreement between The Chester Board of Education and The Chester Education Association to be paid by a grant from the Special Olympics of New Jersey:

Name	Stipend Amount	School
Sara Kozlowski	\$1,864	Bragg
Timothy Rain	\$1,864	Dickerson

**12aa. Approves Unified Sports Club Coaches**

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent that the Chester Board of Education approves the following teachers as Unified Sports Club Coaches for the 2021-2022 school year with stipends as determined by Schedule “B” of the Agreement between The Chester Board of Education and The Chester Education Association to be paid by a grant from the Special Olympics of New Jersey:

Name	Sport/Season	Stipend Amount	School
Christopher Duffy	Basketball (Winter)	\$3,277	Bragg
Melissa D’Auria	Track (Spring)	\$3,277	Dickerson

**12bb. 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 2021-2022 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
Abilities Awareness Club	Sarah Warren
Advisory Club	Sarah Smith
Art Club	Sarah Smith
Chester Library Liaison	Jacquelyn Tasker

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Chinese Club	Haiping Wang
Destination Imagination	Andrew Gray
Digital Media	Cinthia Rodriguez
District Band	Kenneth Piascik
Environmental Club (Split)	Kathleen Werner, Cinthia Rodriguez
French Club	Alexandra Livesey
Homework Club (2)	Doreen Aiello, Joseph Pizzo
Honors Band I Fall & II Spring (2) Jazz Ensemble (1) Percussion (1)	Kenneth Piascik
Junior Model UN Club	Dana Mazza
Makerspace	Jacquelyn Tasker
Meteorology Club	Michael Stagg
Service Club (Split)	Michele Connahan, Kathleen Werner
Spanish Club	Kathleen Werner
STEM Club	Andrew Gray
Student Government (Split)	Sean McQueeney, Taryn Mansolino
Technology Club	Laura Garrison
Test Coordinator	Amal Azzara,
Yearbook	Alexandra Livesey
Athletic Chaperones (7)	Maritza Ciottariello, Christopher Duffy, David Leckie, Dana Mazza, Cinthia Rodriguez, Kathleen Vespignani, Kathleen Werner

**12cc. Approves Staff for Extra-Curricular Activities (Bragg)**

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 2021-2022 school year with stipends as determined by Schedule “B” of the Agreement between The Chester Board of Education and The Chester Education Association:

<b>Bragg Club</b>	<b>Advisor</b>
Environmental Club	Sara Kozlowski
Helping Hands Club	Gretchen Capan
Homework Club (3)	Alexandra Johnson, Nicole Polkowski, Maryanne Vindici
Literacy Blog/News Magazine	Christa Bedkowski
Performing Arts Club (Grade 5) (2)	Robert Gruver, Kathy Snow
Select Chorus (Grade 4 & 5)	Robert Gruver
Student Council/ Safety Patrol	Gretchen Capan
Symphonic Band & Wind Ensemble (2)	Christopher Jala
Technology Club (2)	Jerry Castro
Test Coordinator	Karen Andolino
Yearbook Advisor	Erica David

**12dd. Approves Staff for Extra-Curricular Activities (Dickerson)**

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 2021-2022 school year with stipends as determined by Schedule “B” of the Agreement between The Chester Board of Education and The Chester Education Association:

Dickerson Club	Advisor
Art Club (Grade 2)	Taylor Liska
Math Club	Anne Collins-McAvinn
Technology Club	Francesca Ragonese

**12ee. Approves Chester Police Department to Conduct a Survey**

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approves the Chester Police Department to conduct a survey with Black River Middle School students on Technology.

**12ff. Approves Paraprofessional (Geller)**

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approves Randi Geller as Paraprofessional, Black River Middle School 35 hours weekly at an hourly rate of \$18.40, at a salary of \$23,184 (prorated), paid from Account# 11-213-240-100-106-000-001, effective November 1, 2021 through the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year, pending the approval of the criminal history background check for school employees and compliance with NJ P.L.2018, c 5.

**12gg. Approves CAAP Teacher (Dinnocenzo)**

RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approves Mary Dinnocenzo as a CAAP Teacher for Dickerson School for the 2021-2022 school year at Step 1 MA at an annual salary of \$58,335 (prorated) to be paid from ESSER III funds effective November 1, 2021 through the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year, pending the approval of the criminal history background check for school employees and compliance with NJ P.L.2018, c 5.

Motion by Mike Tomasco

Seconded by Kerri Wright

Roll Call Vote	AC	CKC	RF	SK	CL	HR	MT	BW	KW
9-0	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	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 October 12, 2021 at 7:38 p.m. to discuss Personnel. It is expected that the minutes will be made public as soon as official action is taken.

Motion by Mike Tomasco

Seconded by Kerri Wright

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Roll Call Vote	AC	CKC	RF	SK	CL	HR	MT	BW	KW
9-0	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

**14. Return to Public Session**

*Upon the motion of Mike Tomasco and seconded by Heather Ronco the Board considered a motion to return to public session at 7:55 p.m.*

Motion by Mike Tomasco

Seconded by Kerri Wright

Roll Call Vote	AC	CKC	RF	SK	CL	HR	MT	BW	KW
9-0	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

**15. Unfinished Business**

None

**16. New Business**

Carolyn Kleppe Collins- asked about Preschool Program at Chester and if there was any information on Universal preschool

Tanya Dawson-Currently we have 3 integrated preschool classes. We have to offer preschool to our students with disabilities between the ages of 3-5 by law. In Chester we open our classes to general preschool students as well as seats are available. Every year Dr. Krone advertises for our preschool program and registrations are accepted on a first come first serve basis. We offer full and half day programs.

We currently don't have information on universal preschool program but I will get more information on it and report on what I learn.

**17. 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 8:03 p.m.*

Motion by Mike Tomasco

Seconded by Kerri Wright

Roll Call Vote	AC	CKC	RF	SK	CL	HR	MT	BW	KW
9-0	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Respectfully Submitted,



Tanya Dawson  
Board Secretary