

**REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 23, 2022
AGENDA**

*A regular meeting of the Chester Board of Education will be held on
December 23, 2022 at 8:00 a.m. Chester Borough Courtroom.
50 North Road, Chester, NJ*

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

John Barounis		Christopher Lowry	
Amy Collins		Heather Ronco	
Matthew Downs		Sarah Schultz	
Rebekah Forlenza		Kerri Wright	
Sara Kalashian		Quorum	Y N

4. Pledge of Allegiance

5. Administration-Dr. Christina VanWoert and Tanya Dawson

6. President's Comments

7. Public Commentary

Please be aware that this portion is your opportunity to comment, and is not a forum for the Board to respond to your comments. However, the Board will certainly give all comments appropriate consideration.

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 channels provide the Board consideration and disposition of such matters involving individuals.*

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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.*

8. **Buildings, Grounds, Transportation/Finance—** *Amy Collins (chair) Matthew Downs, Sara Kalashian and Chris Lowry*

8a. **Approves Contract with Tri-County Behavior Care**

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the School Business Administrator the Chester Board of Education approves the contract with Tri-County Behavioral Care to conduct back to school clearance assessments at a rate of \$100 per case and substance evaluation and treatment at a rate of \$100 per case.

8b. **Accepts Bid for Van #3 from Jackson Township Board of Education**

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the School Business Administrator, the Chester Board of Education accepts the highest bid offer from Jackson Township Board of Education, NJ for sale of Van #3.

RESOLVED, that, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A-65-1, et. seq. and N.J.S.A 18A:6-51, the Chester Board of Education, via active Inter-Local Sale Agreement with HCESC accept highest bid offer at a sealed-bid public bid opening held on December 20, 2022 at the Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission Administrative offices, located at 37 Hoffmans Crossing Road, Califon, New Jersey 07830

Bidder Name	Amount of Bid
Jackson Township Board of Ed	\$48,000.00
8 Transportation	\$32,500.00
Holcomb	\$23,550.00
Direct Bus Rental & Leasing	\$18,535.00
Sunset Transportation, LLC.	\$15,250.00
Garas Transportation, LLC.	\$15,001.00
Hudson County Transportation	\$15,000.00
Shepard Bus	\$10,777.00
Car Country USA	\$8,900.00
St. George School Bus	\$8,000.00
Jersey One Auto	\$6,033.00

RESOLVED, that the vehicle and title will be released upon payment in full of \$48,000 from the winning bidder.

8c. **Accepts Bid for Van #5 from 8 Transportation**

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the School Business Administrator, the Chester Board of Education accepts the highest bid offer from 8 Transportation, NJ for sale of Van #5.

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RESOLVED, that, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A-65-1, et. seq. and N.J.S.A 18A:6-51, the Chester Board of Education, via active Inter-Local Sale Agreement with HCESC accept highest bid offer at a sealed-bid public bid opening held on December 20, 2022 at the Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission Administrative offices, located at 37 Hoffmans Crossing Road, Califon, New Jersey 07830

Bidder Name	Amount of Bid
8 Transportation	\$26,000.00
Holcomb	\$18,800.00
Garas Transportation	\$14,001.00
Direct Bus Rental & Leasing	\$13,525.00
Sunset Transportation, LLC	\$13,250.00
Hudson County Transportation	\$10,000.00
St. George School Bus	\$8,000.00
Shepard Bus	\$7,777.00
Car County USA	\$7,500.00
Jersey One Auto	\$5,033.00

RESOLVED, that the vehicle and title will be released upon payment in full of \$26,000 from the winning bidder.

8d. Approves Bid Award (Guarini Plumbing)

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the School Business Administrator, the Chester Board of Education approves the bid award of the new water service connection at the Bragg & Dickerson Elementary Schools to Guarini Plumbing in the amount of \$344,960.

Motion by_____

Seconded by_____

Roll Call Vote	JB	AC	MD	RF	SK	CL	HR	SS	KW

9. Curriculum/Governance/Personnel—Heather Ronco (chair) John Barounis, Rebekah Forlenza and Sarah Schultz

9a. Approves Staff Members for Extra-Curricular Activity (Chaperone)

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approves district staff members to conduct a board approved extra-curricular activity (Chaperone) for the 2022-2023 school year with stipend as determined by Schedule “B” of the Agreement between The Chester Board of Education and The Chester Education Association.

9b. Amends Bragg Guidance Counselor (DiFabrizio)

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education amends resolution 12n. from the November 15, 2022 agenda for Andrea DiFabrizio as Bragg School Guidance Counselor effective November 21, 2022 at an

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annual salary of \$61,575, MA Step 6 for the 2022-2023 school year with 60% district funds and 40% ESSER Mental Health funding.

9c. Approves Business Administrator/Board Secretary (Frascella)

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education appoints Peter Frascella as Chester School District Business Administrator/Board Secretary effective February 23, 2023 for the 2022-2023 school year, pending the approval of the criminal history background check for school employees and compliance with P.L. 2018, c5.

Motion by_____

Seconded by_____

Roll Call Vote	JB	AC	MD	RF	SK	CL	HR	SS	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 December 23, 2022 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	JB	AC	MD	RF	SK	CL	HR	SS	KW

14. Return to Public Session Time_____

Motion by_____

Seconded by_____

Roll Call Vote	JB	AC	MD	RF	SK	CL	HR	SS	KW

15. Unfinished Business

16. New Business

17. Adjournment

Motion by_____

Seconded by_____

Roll Call Vote	JB	AC	MD	RF	SK	CL	HR	SS	KW

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