

**REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 23, 2022
MINUTES**

*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

Kerri Wright, Board President, called the meeting to order on December 23, 2022 at 8:03 a.m. in the Chester Borough Courtroom, 50 North Road, Chester, NJ 07930

2. Sunshine Announcement

Kerri Wright, Board President, announced 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	Yes	Christopher Lowry	Yes
Amy Collins	Absent	Heather Ronco	Absent
Matthew Downs	Absent	Sarah Schultz	Yes
Rebekah Forlenza	Yes	Kerri Wright	Yes
Sara Kalashian	Yes	Quorum	Yes

4. Pledge of Allegiance

Kerri Wright, Board President, led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

5. Administration-Dr. Christina VanWoert and Tanya Dawson

6. President's Comments

None

7. Public Commentary

None

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.

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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.

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

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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 (William J. 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 William J. Guarini Plumbing in the amount of \$344,960.

Motion by Rebekah Forlenza

Seconded by Chris Lowry

Roll Call Vote	JB	AC	MD	RF	SK	CL	HR	SS	KW
6-0	Yes	Absent	Absent	Yes	Yes	Yes	Absent	Yes	Yes

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 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 Rebekah Forlenza

Seconded by Sara Kalashian

Roll Call Vote	JB	AC	MD	RF	SK	CL	HR	SS	KW
6-0	Yes	Absent	Absent	Yes	Yes	Yes	Absent	Yes	Yes

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10. Executive Session

None

11. Unfinished Business

None

12. New Business

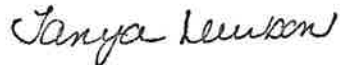
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13. Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, upon the motion of Rebekah Forlenza and seconded by John Barounis the Board considered a motion to adjourn at 8:11 a.m.

Roll Call Vote	JB	AC	MD	RF	SK	CL	HR	SS	KW
6-0	Yes	Absent	Absent	Yes	Yes	Yes	Absent	Yes	Yes

Respectfully Submitted,



Tanya Dawson
Board Secretary