

**REGULAR MEETING  
JANUARY 29, 2025  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

**1. Call to Order**

Sarah Schultz, Board President, called the meeting to order at 4:45 p.m. at Chester Borough Courtroom, 50 North Road, Chester, NJ 07930

**2. Sunshine Announcement**

Sarah Schultz, 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**

Erick Arostegui	Yes*	Suzanne Dundon	Yes*
John Barounis	Yes**	Melissa Mauro-Duffy	Yes
Amy Buck Faundez	Yes	Sarah Schultz	Yes
Carolyn Byszewski	Yes	Adam Sorchini	Yes
Adam Colicchio	Absent	<b>Quorum</b>	Yes

*\*Arrived 4:50 PM*

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**4. Pledge of Allegiance**

Sara Schultz, Board President, led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**5. President's Comments**

*None*

**6. Public Commentary**

*None*

**7. Curriculum/Governance/Personnel – Melissa Mauro Duffy (Chair), Erick Arostegui, Suzanne Dundon and Amy Buck Faundez.**

**7a. QSAC Equivalency Waiver**

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approves the QSAC Equivalency Waiver effective January 29, 2025.

Motion by Melissa Mauro Duffy

Seconded by Carolyn Byszewski

<b>Roll Call Vote</b>	<b>EA</b>	<b>JB</b>	<b>ABF</b>	<b>CB</b>	<b>AC</b>	<b>SD</b>	<b>MMD</b>	<b>SS</b>	<b>AS</b>
5-0	Absent	Absent	Yes	Yes	Absent	Absent	Yes	Yes	Yes

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**8. 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 January 29, 2025 at 4:50 p.m. to conduct superintendent interviews. Will return to public session in 4 hours. It is expected that the minutes will be made public as soon as official action is taken.

Motion by Amy Buck Faundez

Seconded by Carolyn Byszewski

Roll Call Vote	EA	JB	ABF	CB	AC	SD	MMD	SS	AS
5-0	Absent	Absent	Yes	Yes	Absent	Absent	Yes	Yes	Yes

**9. Return to Public Session**

*Suzanne Dundon left Executive Session at 8:30 p.m.*

*Upon the motion of Melissa Mauro Duffy and seconded by Carolyn Byszewski the Board returned to Public Session at 9:55 p.m.*

Roll Call Vote	EA	JB	ABF	CB	AC	SD	MMD	SS	AS
7-0	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Absent	Absent	Yes	Yes	Yes

**10. Unfinished Business**

*None*

**11. New Business**

*None*

**12. Adjournment**

*There being no further business to discuss, upon the motion of John Barounis and seconded by Erick Arostegui, the Board considered a motion to adjourn at 9:56 p.m.*

Roll Call Vote	EA	JB	ABF	CB	AC	SD	MMD	SS	AS
7-0	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Absent	Absent	Yes	Yes	Yes

Respectfully Submitted,



Peter Frascella  
Board Secretary