

**REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 24, 2025
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

1. Call to Order

Sarah Schultz, Board President, called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m. at the Chester Borough Courtroom, 50 North Road, Chester, NJ 07930

2. Sunshine Announcement

Sarah Schultz, Board President, announced that the meeting was 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	Absent	Suzanne Dundon	Yes
John Barounis	Absent	Melissa Mauro-Duffy	Yes
Amy Buck Faundez	Yes	Sarah Schultz	Yes
Carolyn Byszewski	Yes	Adam Sorchini	Yes
Adam Colicchio	Absent	Quorum	Yes

4. Pledge of Allegiance

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

5. 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 April 24, 2025 at 8:35 a.m. to discuss student related matters. It is expected that the minutes will be made public as soon as official action is taken.

Motion by Melissa Mauro-Duffy

Seconded by Carolyn Byszewski

Roll Call Vote	EA	JB	ABF	CB	AC	SD	MMD	SS	AS
6-0	Absent	Absent	Yes	Yes	Absent	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

6. Return to Public Session

Upon the motion of Amy Buck Faundez and seconded by Carolyn Byszewski the Board returned to Public Session at 9:25 a.m.

Roll Call Vote	EA	JB	ABF	CB	AC	SD	MMD	SS	AS
6-0	Absent	Absent	Yes	Yes	Absent	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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7. **Administration**-Interim Superintendent Dr. Thomas Ficarra, Assistant Superintendent Brad Currie, Peter Frascella Business Administrator/Board Secretary, BRMS Principal Andrew White and School Attorney Danielle Panizzi.

8. **Public Commentary**
None

9. **Committee of The Whole**—*All.*

9a. **Approves Superintendent’s Recommendation for HIB Case # 10**
RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accepts the Superintendent of School’s finding of no HIB in HIB case #285468_BRM_0115205, the results which were first reported to the Board of Education by the Superintendent of Schools at the February 11, 2025 meeting. The Board of Education hereby directs the Superintendent of Schools to transmit a copy of the Board of Education’s decision to the affected students’ parents.

Motion by Amy Buck Faundez

Seconded by Carolyn Byszewski

Roll Call Vote	EA	JB	ABF	CB	AC	SD	MMD	SS	AS
6-0	Absent	Absent	Yes	Yes	Absent	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

10. **Unfinished Business**
None

11. **New Business**
None

12. **Adjournment**
There being no further business to discuss, upon the motion of Sarah Schultz and seconded by Carolyn Byszewski, the Board considered a motion to adjourn at 9:52 a.m.

Roll Call Vote	EA	JB	ABF	CB	AC	SD	MMD	SS	AS
6-0	Absent	Absent	Yes	Yes	Absent	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Respectfully Submitted,



Peter Frascella
Board Secretary