

REGULAR MEETING
June 9, 2025
MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Sarah Schultz, Board President, called the meeting to order at **6:00** p.m. at the Black River Middle School Cafeteria, 133 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	Absent	Adam Sorchini	Yes
Adam Colicchio	Absent	Quorum	Yes

**Arrived 7:25*

4. Pledge of Allegiance

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

5. Presentations:

- Awards Assembly - Principal Andrew White
- HIB 2023/2024 Grades - Assistant Superintendent Brad Currie

6. Administration-Superintendent Dr. William Kochis, Assistant Superintendent Brad Currie and Peter Frascella Business Administrator/Board Secretary

6a. Superintendent's Report

Dr Kochis thanked everyone for a great first week. He discusses the last week of school, starting with a great awards ceremony.

6b. Business Administrator's Report

Mr. Frascella discussed the construction projects and the Solar Farm Contract.

7. President's Comments

Sarah spoke about the Morris County Executive Board

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8. Public Commentary
None

9. Approval of Minutes

9a. Approves Meeting Minutes from May 13, 2025

RESOLVED, that the Chester Board of Education approves the Regular meeting minutes of the meeting held on May 13, 2025.

9b. Approves Executive Meeting Minutes from May 13, 2025

RESOLVED, that the Chester Board of Education approves the Executive meeting minutes of the meeting held on May 13, 2025.

Motion by Erick Arostegui

Seconded by Adam Colicchio

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

10. Committee of The Whole—All.
None

11. Buildings, Grounds, Transportation/Finance— Adam Colicchio (Chair), Adam Sorchini, Carolyn Byszewski and John Barounis

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	05/15/2025	\$717,219.69
Payroll	05/30/2025	\$875,043.50
Payroll	06/06/2025	\$539,722.83
Bills List	06/09/2025	\$633,621.90

11b. Approves Monthly Appropriation Transfers for April 2025

RESOLVED, that the Chester Board of Education approves the following transfers within the 2023-2024 budget for the month of April 2025 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 April 2025

RESOLVED, that pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-13.3, the Chester Board of Education approves the Monthly Report of Transfers for April 2025; a copy of which is available for public review in the Chester Board of Education Business Office.

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11d. Approves Board Secretary Report for April 2025

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 April 2025; a copy of which is available for public review in the Chester Board of Education Business Office.

11e. Approves Board Treasurer Report for April 2025

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 April 2025; 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 April 2025

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 April 2025 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	Registration- Tuition	Travel Misc.	Estimated Total Expense
10/16 – 10/17 2025	Melissa Scherzer 43 rd Annual Autism Conference Atlantic City, NJ	\$550.00	\$296.02	\$846.02
10/16 – 10/17 2025	Sarah Southwick 43 rd Annual Autism Conference Atlantic City, NJ	\$550.00	\$296.02	\$846.02

11h. Approves Camp Achieve/Camp Success Van Routes

RESOLVED, that pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:21-13.1 et seq. and Board of Education Policy 3541.1 and 3541.33, the Chester Board of Education approves the 2025 Camp Achieve van routes.

11i. Approves Joint Transportation Agreement for the 2025-2026 School Year

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 1SA:39-11 provides that the Boards of Education of two or more school districts may provide jointly for the transportation of pupils to and from any school or schools within or without the district, and

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RESOLVED, in order to accomplish the above purposes, **Mendham School District** and Chester School District are desirous of entering into this non-profit agreement for the transportation of pupils jointly in accordance with the laws of the State of New Jersey, the rules and regulations of the State Board of Education governing the transportation of pupils.

- 11j. Approves Renewal of Joint Transportation Trip Agreement (Mendham Twp. BOE)**
RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the School Business Administrator, the Chester Board of Education approves renewal of Joint Transportation Trip Agreement with Mendham Twp. Board of Education effective July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026.
- 11k. Approves Renewal of Joint Transportation Agreement for Athletics (Washington Twp.)**
RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the School Business Administrator, the Chester Board of Education approves renewal of Joint Transportation Agreement for Athletics with Washington Twp. Board of Education effective July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026.
- 11l. Approves Home Instruction by LearnWell**
RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approves LearnWell to provide home instruction for student #20711 for 10 hours a week at a cost of \$58.75 per hour effective 5/8/2025.
- 11m. Approves Morris County Education Services**
RESOLVED, that the Chester Board of Education approves Morris County Education Services to provide physical therapy services for the Camp Achieve summer program from June 30, 2025 through July 31, 2025 at the contracted rate for 9 hours weekly.
- 11n. Approves Morris County Education Services**
RESOLVED, that the Chester Board of Education approves Morris County Education Services to provide speech therapy services for the Camp Achieve summer program from June 30, 2025 through July 31, 2025 at the contracted rate for 15.5 hours weekly.
- 11o. Approves Physical Therapist (Detore)**
RESOLVED, that the Chester Board of Education approves Dr. Donna Detore to provide physical therapy services at an hourly rate of \$95 for 11.5 hours weekly for a total cost of up to \$39,330 for the 2025-2026 school year.
- 11p. Approves Out of District Placement**
RESOLVED, that the Chester Board of Education approves the following out-of-district placement for the 2024-2025 school year with Washington Township Board of Education for student # 19863 for a tuition of \$36,468.77.
- 11q. Approves School Trips (Dickerson)**
RESOLVED, that the Chester Board of Education approves the following school trips for the 2025-2026 school year for Dickerson Elementary:

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Field Trip	Location	Grade/Group
Grove Street Park	Chester, NJ	Kindergarten
Chester Library	Chester, NJ	Grade 1
MPAC	Morristown, NJ	Grade 2
Great Swamp	Chatham, NJ	Grade 2

11r. Approves School Trips (Bragg)

RESOLVED, that the Chester Board of Education approves the following school trips for the 2025-2026 school year for Bragg Elementary:

Field Trip	Location	Grade/Group
Waterloo Village	Stanhope, NJ	Grade 3
MPAC	Morristown, NJ	Grade 3
MPAC	Morristown, NJ	Grade 4
Liberty Hall	Union, NJ	Grade 4
American Dream Mall, Escape Room	E. Rutherford, NJ	Grade 5- GIST
New Jersey State House	Trenton, NJ	Grade 5
Black River Middle School	Chester, NJ	Grade 5
NJPAC-American Revolution Tour	New Brunswick, NJ	Grade 5
RVCC Planetarium	Branchburg, NJ	Grade 5
Senior Resource Center	Chester, NJ	Bragg Chamber Singers

11s. Approves School Trips (BRMS)

RESOLVED, that the Chester Board of Education approves the following school trips for the 2025-2026 school year for Black River Middle School:

Field Trip	Location	Grade/Group
District Band Concert	Mendham HS	6-8 Band Members
District Strings	Mendham HS	6-8 String Players
Dorney Park Competition	Dorney Park, PA	6-8 Band Members
Articulation Concert	Mendham HS	8th Grade Students
Jr. Model UN	Drew University	7-8 GIST Students
Spelling Bee	Morristown	6-8 Students (Approx. 10)
Workshop on the Arts	Morristown	8th Grade Students (Approx. 12)
Turtle Back Zoo	West Orange, NJ	7th Grade Students
Camp Bernie	Port Murray, NJ	8th Grade Peer Leaders
Chester Diner & CASH	Chester, NJ	8th Grade Peer Leaders
Meadowbrook Day Camp	Long Valley	7th Grade Students
Washington DC	Washington DC	8th Grade Students
Somerset Patriots	Bridgewater, NJ	6th Grade Students

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8th Graduation Practice	Dickerson School	8th Grade Students
Choral Festival	West Morris Central HS	7th/8th Chorus Members
Navigating the shift to BRMS	Bragg	select 6th grade students

11t. Approves Recycling of Obsolete Technology Equipment

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the School Business Administrator, the Chester Board of Education approves Recycling of obsolete/old technology equipment; a list of which can be viewed at the Board of Education Business office.

11u. Approves Contract Renewal of NJSIG (July 1, 2025–June 30, 2026)

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 18A:18B-1, et seq., enables boards of education to join with other boards of education in school board insurance trusts for the purpose of forming self-insurance pools;

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Schools Insurance Group (“NJSIG”) is a joint insurance fund authorized by N.J.S.A. 18A:18B-1, et seq. to provide insurance coverage and risk management services for its members;

11v. Approves Purchasing Agent for the 2025-2026 School Year

RESOLVED, that the Chester Board of Education, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-3 (a), designates Peter Frascella, School Business Administrator, Board Secretary, as the Qualified Purchasing Agent for the Board of Education and authorizes him to award contracts, in full accordance with the law, for purchases that do not exceed in the aggregate in a contract year the total sum of \$44,000.00 (bid threshold) without public advertising for bids. Furthermore, Peter Frascella is authorized to solicit competitive quotations pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-37(a) and to award contracts pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-37(c). The Board of Education, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:34-8.3, et seq., further authorizes Peter Frascella to seek either competitive quotations or competitive bids when original determinations of aggregation are found to be more than anticipated or incorrect.

11w. Approves Adopting of the 2025-2026 Purchasing Manual

RESOLVED, that the Chester Board of Education further recommends the Purchasing Manual prepared by Peter Frascella, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, be hereby adopted for the 2025 – 2026 School Year. The manual outlines the proper purchasing practices that are to be followed by all Board of Education employees to be in compliance with the New Jersey State Law and Board of Education Policy.

11x. Approves Designating Public Agency Compliance Officer--Chester Board of Education

In accordance with N.J. A.C. 17:27-3.2 the Board of Education designates Peter Frascella, School Business Administrator, Board Secretary as the Public Agency Compliance Officer for the Chester Board of Education.

The Public Agency Compliance Officer is the liaison between the Chester Board of Education and the State of New Jersey Department of the Treasury, Division of Purchase and Property, Contract Compliance and Audit Unit, EEO Monitoring Program.

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The Public Agency Compliance Officer is responsible for administering contracting procedures pertaining to equal employment opportunity regarding the Chester Board of Education and the appropriate contracted vendors.

11y. Approves Cooperative Bidding Services

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accepts the recommendation of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary and approves the procurement of goods and services through the cooperative bidding services of **Educational Data Services** for the 2025-2026 school year.

11z. Approves Cooperative Pricing Agreement

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5) authorizes contracting units to establish a Cooperative Pricing System and to enter into Cooperative Pricing Agreements for its administration; and

WHEREAS, the **Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission**, hereinafter referred to as the "Lead Agency " has offered voluntary participation in a Cooperative Pricing System for the purchase of goods and services.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to the provisions of *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5)*, the School Business Administrator is hereby authorized to enter into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement with the Lead Agency. The Lead Agency shall be responsible for complying with the provisions of the *Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.)* and all other provisions of the revised statutes of the State of New

11aa. Approves Cooperative Pricing Agreement

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WHEREAS, the **Educational Services Commission of NJ**, hereinafter referred to as the "Lead Agency "has offered voluntary participation in a Cooperative Pricing System for the purchase of goods and services;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

This RESOLUTION shall be known and may be cited as the Cooperative Pricing Resolution of the Chester Board of Education.

Pursuant to the provisions of *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5)*, the Business Administrator/Board Secretary is hereby authorized to enter into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement with the Lead Agency.

The Lead Agency shall be responsible for complying with the provisions of the *Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.)* and all other provisions of the revised statutes of the State of New Jersey.

11bb. Authorizes the Use of State Contracts

WHEREAS, Title 18A:18A-10 provides that, “A board of education, without advertising for bids, or after having rejected all bids obtained pursuant to advertising therefore, by resolution may purchase any goods or services pursuant to a contract or contracts for such goods or services entered into on behalf of the State by the Division of Purchase and Property; and

WHEREAS, the Chester Board of Education has the need, on a timely basis, to procure goods and services utilizing state contracts; and

WHEREAS, the Chester Board of Education desires to authorize its purchasing agent for the 2023-2024 school year to make any and all purchases necessary to meet the needs of the school district throughout the school year.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Chester Board of Education does hereby authorize the District Purchasing Agent to make purchases of goods and services entered into on behalf of the State by the Division of Purchase and Property

11cc. Approves HBCBSNJ and Delta Dental Plans Renewals

RESOLVED that the Chester Board of Education approves the Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey Health Plan and Delta Dental Plan renewals for the 2025-2026 school year per attached summary prepared by Brown & Brown Benefit Advisors

11dd. Approves Brown & Brown Benefit Advisors for the 2025-2026 School Year

RESOLVED, that the Chester Board of Education approves Brown & Brown Benefit Advisors, Inc., as the Board’s Broker-of-Record for our group medical, prescription drug, and Delta dental insurance programs. Brown & Brown Benefit Advisors, Inc. is authorized to act on behalf of the Board in all matters related to these programs in an amount not to exceed \$72,000 (same rate as last year).

11ee. Approves Phoenix Advisors

RESOLVED, that the Chester Board of Education approves Phoenix Advisors, LLC as Financial Advisor at an amount not to exceed \$1,000 for the 2025-2026 school year. Special project proposals will be Board approved as needed.

11ff. Approves Anticipated Contracts to be Renewed, Awarded or Expired Contracts

Pursuant to PL 2015, Chapter 47 the Chester Board of Education intends to renew, award or permit to expire contracts (a copy of which is available for public review in the Chester Board of Education Business Office) previously awarded by the Chester Board of Education. These contracts are, have been, and will continue to be in full compliance with all state and federal statutes and regulations; in particular, New Jersey Title 18A:18. et.seq, N.J.A.C. Chapter 23 and Federal Uniform Administrative Requirements 2CFR, Part 200.

11gg. Approves OMB Mileage Rate

RESOLVED, the Chester Board of Education approves the rate of reimbursement for mileage allowed for employees traveling by personal automobile on official business established through budget language in the state's Annual Appropriations Act each year. The rate for FY23 is \$.47/mile which is the same rate as FY25.

11hh. Approves Year-End Deposit to Capital Reserve

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 18A:21-2 and N.J.S.A. 18A:7G-13 permit a Board of Education to establish and/or deposit into certain reserve accounts at year end; and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned statutes authorize procedures, under the authority of the Commissioner of Education, which permit a Board of Education to transfer anticipated excess current revenue or unexpended appropriations into reserve accounts during the month of June by board resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Chester Board of Education wishes to deposit anticipated current year surplus into a Capital Reserve Account at year end; and

WHEREAS, the Chester Board of Education has determined an amount not to exceed \$1,200,000 may be available for such purpose of transfer;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chester Board of Education hereby authorizes the district's School Business Administrator to make this transfer consistent with all applicable laws and regulations.

11ii. Authorizes Payment of Summer Bills

RESOLVED, that the Chester Board of Education authorizes the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to pay bills and make necessary transfers during June through August 2025 with advice and consent of the Finance Committee; these bills to be approved at the next regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting.

11jj. Approves JCT Solutions of PA System at BRMS

RESOLVED, that the Chester Board of Education approves JCT Solutions to provide services to install a new PA System at BRMS for \$139,847.74 under Hunterdon County Education Services Commission Cooperative Contract HCESC-Tech-Bid #R22-02

11kk. Appointment of Affirmative Action Team

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoints the following members of Chester School District to the Affirmative Action Team for the Comprehensive Equity Plan:

Peter Frascella
Brad Currie
Michele Tarnofsky
Andrew White
Danielle Guli
Erica David

11ll. Building Automation Service Agreement

WHEREAS, Chester School District, HVAC controls need to be serviced through a building automation services agreement only provided by Siemens for maintenance and support of the district’s current HVAC controls software; and

WHEREAS, Building automation agreement will help maintain the comfort and safety of students and staff in our schools, minimize energy and operational costs, improve responsiveness while minimizing equipment downtime, and

WHEREAS, the HVAC controls system in place is proprietary software of Siemens,

SO, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, in accordance with N.J.S.A 18A:18-5(a-19), Chester School District Board of Education has authorized the building automation service agreement with Siemens.

11mm. Submission of Funding for Optimal Comprehensive Universal Screening (FOCUS) Grant

RESOLVED, that the Chester Board of Education approves the submission FOCUS Grant for NWEA MAP Growth in the amount of \$4,070.

11nn. Submission of Comprehensive Equity Plan 2025-2028

RESOLVED, that the Chester Board of Education approves the submission of the Chester School District Comprehensive Equity Plan to the State Board of Education.

11oo. Approve the 2025-2026 Remote Learning Plan

RESOLVED, that pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:32-13.1 & 13.2, the Chester Board of Education approves the 2025-2026 Remote Learning Plan dated July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026, which will be submitted to the county office and posted on the district website.

Motion by John Barounis

Seconded by Adam Colicchio

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

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

12a. Approves Camp Achieve/Camp Success Bus Drivers

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approves the following bus drivers for Camp Achieve and Camp Success programs for the 2025-2026 ESY from June 30, 2024 through July 31, 2025 (20 days) plus one additional dry run day at their contracted hourly rate:

Driver	Hourly Rate
*Erna Hauswald	\$29.44
Yoslin Lopez	\$29.44
Emily Perez	\$29.44

*pending approval of criminal history background check for school employees and

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Compliance with NJ P.L. 2018, c5.

12b. Approves Custodians for 2025-2026 School Year (Revised)

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approves the following revised custodians for the 2025-2026 school year:

Name	Job Title	Salary	Stipend	Longevity	Total
Doug Clark	Custodian	\$57,999.00	\$5,600.00	n/a	\$63,599.00
Paul Crider	Custodian	\$50,578.00	\$5,600.00	n/a	\$56,178.00

12c. Approves Revised Tenured Non-Certified Personnel for the 2025-2026 School Year

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approves the following revised tenured non-certified Board of Education office staff for the 2025-2026 school year:

Name	Title	Salary
Mary Parasugo	Board Treasurer	\$9,976.00

12d. Approves Cafeteria Aide for the 2025-2026 School Year

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approves the following bus Cafeteria Aide for the 2025-2026 school year:

Name	Job Title	Salary
Egidia Sciarello	Bragg Cafeteria Aide	\$6,122.00

12e. Approves BRMS ILA Teacher (Beitz)

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approves Nora Beitz as BRMS ILA teacher effective September 2, 2025 for the 2025-26 school year to be paid a salary of \$77,995 MA Step 14-15 with benefits pending approval of criminal history background check for school employees and compliance with NJ P.L. 2018, c5.

12f. Approves Dickerson ABA Special Education Teacher (Matus)

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approves Kimberly Matus as Dickerson ABA Special Education teacher effective September 2, 2025 for the 2025-26 school year to be paid a salary of \$80,515 BA Step 19 with benefits pending approval of criminal history background check for school employees and compliance with NJ P.L. 2018, c5.

12g. Approves Dickerson Special Education Teacher (Rau)

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approves Kaitlyn Rau as Dickerson Special Education teacher effective September 2, 2025 for the 2025-26 school year to be paid a salary of \$65,455 MA Step 2-3 with benefits pending approval of criminal history background check for school employees and compliance with NJ P.L. 2018, c5.

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12h. Approves 2025-2026 Curriculum Work

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approves the following staff members for 2025-2026 curriculum work at the contracted professional hourly rate of \$62.00:

Subject Area(s)	Grade Level(s)	Staff Member(s)	Hours
Math	Coordinate K-5 Math Curriculum Updates	Colleen Cahill	40 Hours
Math	Coordinate 6-8 Math Curriculum Updates	Krista Maico	40 Hours
Cross-Curricular Technology Integration and College/Career Readiness Standards	K-8 All Subject Areas	Laura Garrison Patricia Pohan Danielle Guli Colleen Cahill	10 Hours Each
Science	Grades 6-8	Michael Stagg Christina Sarlo Amy Schwartz Lorri Willis	20 Hours Each
Gifted and Talented	Grades K-8	Kelly Tompkins Erica David Dana Mazza	20 Hours Each
Computer Applications and Financial Literacy	Grades 6-8	Laura Garrison Patricia Pohan	30 Hours Each
ELA/SS	Grades K-5	Danielle Guli	30 Hours
Math	Kindergarten	Barbara Knowles	20 Hours
Math	1st Grade	Annabelle Edelmann	20 Hours
Math	2nd Grade	Kerri Mottola and Christine Donlon	20 Hours Split
Math	3rd Grade	Alexandra Johnson and Allison Pigott	20 Hours Split
Math	4th Grade	Dana Militante	20 Hours
Math	5th Grade	Evelyn Casperson	20 Hours
Math	6th Grade	Nicole Hey	20 Hours
Math	7th Grade	Nicole Hey	20 Hours
Math	8th Grade	Krista Maico	20 Hours

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Math	Pre-Algebra 6	TBD	20 Hours
Math	Pre-Algebra 8	Krista Maico	20 Hours
Math	Algebra I	TBD	20 Hours
Math	Geometry	Madison Mitchell	20 Hours

12i. Approves Statement of Assurance Professional Development/Mentoring Plan and Mentor

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approves the submission of the 2025-2026 Statement of Assurance Professional Development/Mentoring Plan and the following mentor for new Administrator:

New Employee <i>(New to profession must pay mentor \$550 or prorated amount)</i>	Mentor	School
Richard Celebre	NJPSA L2L	Dickerson

12j. Approves 2024-2025 Team Leaders (Revised from 8/13/24 Agenda)

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approves the following staff members as Team Leaders to be paid an annual stipend of \$1,141 each or \$570.50 if Split as per agreement with the Chester Education Association:

John Christie	Dickerson School	Special Education (Split) (Full)
Liz Madinabeitia	Dickerson School	Preschool (Split) (Full)

12k. Approves Tenured Administrators for the 2025-2026 School Year

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approves the following tenured administrators for the 2025-2026 school year.

ADMINISTRATORS		
Name	Title	Salary
Jeanette Krone	Director of Student Services	<i>\$173,168.00*</i>
Andrew White	BRMS Principal	<i>\$166,427.00*</i>

**2024-2025 salaries, pending ratified contract*

12l. Approves BRMS Social Studies Teacher (Cecala)

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approves Kathryn Cecala as BRMS History teacher effective September 2, 2025 for the 2025-26 school year to be paid a salary of \$79,480 MA+30 Step 13 with benefits pending approval of criminal history background check for school employees and compliance with NJ P.L. 2018, c5.

12m. Approves Substitute Nurses

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of

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Education approves the following substitute nurses for the 2025-2026 school year at a daily rate of \$250.00:

- Sally Ahmadi RN
- Jean Farley RN
- Maaike Haight RN
- Veronica Lifshyts RN
- Jen Rosario RN
- Kelly Strickland RN

12n. Accepts Retirement (Kong)

RESOLVED, that the Chester Board of Education accepts the retirement of Clara Kong, Dickerson Office Assistant effective June 30, 2025 with much gratitude for 20 years of service to the Chester School District.

12o. Approves Non-Affiliated Administrators for the 2025-2026 School Year

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approves the following non-affiliated administrators for the 2025-2026 school year.

Non-Affiliated Administrators		
Name	Title	Salary
Kathryn Nieves Licwinko	Director of Technology	\$96,023.00
Evan Morley	Director of Buildings and Grounds	\$118,466.00

12p. Approves BRMS Math Teacher (Gallagher)

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approves Kathryn Gallagher as BRMS Math teacher effective September 2, 2025 for the 2025-26 school year to be paid a salary of \$78,745.00 MA+15 Step 14-15 with benefits pending approval of criminal history background check for school employees and compliance with NJ P.L. 2018, c5.

Motion by John Barounis

Seconded by Adam Colicchio

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

13. Policy- Adam Sorchini (Chair), Adam Colicchio, John Barounis and Melissa Mauro Duffy *Dr. Dundon supports not having cellphones in the school, but she is concerned about communications with parents during after-school activities.*

13a. Approves Second Reading and Adoption of Policy 5516 – Student Use of Wireless Communication Devices

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approves second reading and adoption of Policy 5516 - Student Use of Wireless Communication Devices.

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Motion by John Barounis

Seconded by Adam Colicchio

Roll Call Vote	EA	JB	ABF	CB	AC	SD	MMD	SS	AS
6-0-1	Yes	Yes	Abstain	Absent	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Absent

13b. Approves First Reading of Policy 5131.1 – HIB

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approves first reading of Policy 5131.1 – HIB.

Motion by Adam Colicchio Seconded by Melissa Mauro Duffy

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

14. Executive Session

RESOLVED, that pursuant to NJS.A. 10:4-12 and 10:4-13 the Chester Board of Education held a closed session on June 9, 2025 at 7:55 p.m. to discuss HIB, personnel and items falling under attorney client privilege. It is expected that the minutes will be made public as soon as official action is taken.

Motion by John Barounis Seconded by Amy Buck Faundez

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

15. Return to Public Session

Upon the motion of Erick Arostegui and seconded by Adam Colicchio, the Board returned to Public Session at 8:30 p.m.

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

16. Committee of The Whole—All.

16a. Approves Superintendent’s Recommendation for HIB Case #11

RESOLVED, that the Chester Board of Education approves the Superintendent’s recommendation for HIB Case #11

Motion by Melissa Mauro Duffy Seconded by Amy Buck Faundez

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

17. Unfinished Business

None

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18. New Business

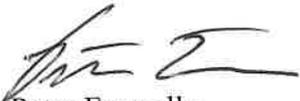
None

19. Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, upon the motion of John Barounis and seconded by Adam Colicchio, the Board considered a motion to adjourn at 8:35 p.m.

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

Respectfully Submitted,



Peter Frascella
Board Secretary