

REGULAR MEETING
September 30, 2025
MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Sarah Schultz, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. at the 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	Yes	Quorum	Yes

4. Pledge of Allegiance

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

5. Presentations:

None

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

6a. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Kochis thanked the staff for a successful start to the school year. Asked should BRMS video from Patriotic Week? Discussed activities at each school. Stated back to school nights went very well. Jordan Toma assembly is on 10/8/25 at BRMS.

6b. Business Administrator's Report

None

7. President's Comments

Sarah attended two back to school nights. Both were run very well with great attendance. Club list for all students will be released Friday, 10/17/25. John thanked students and faculty for 9/11 activities and video. Discussed his involvement in Towers to Tunnels and the importance of the youth knowing American History.

8. Public Commentary

None

9. Approval of Minutes

9a. Approves Meeting Minutes from August 12, 2025

RESOLVED, that the Chester Board of Education approves the Regular meeting minutes of the meeting held on August 12, 2025.

9b. Approves Executive Meeting Minutes from August 12, 2025

RESOLVED, that the Chester Board of Education approves the Executive meeting minutes of the meeting held on August 12, 2025.

Motion by Carolyn Byszewski Seconded by John Barounis

Roll Call Vote	EA	JB	ABF	CB	AC	SD	MMD	SS	AS
9-0	Yes								

10. Committee of The Whole—*All*.

10a. Approves Submission of QSAC District Improvement Plan

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approves submission of the QSAC District Improvement Plan.

10b. Approves Threat Assessment Teams

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approves the following Threat Assessment Teams:

Dickerson Elementary School (Grades PK-2)

- Nicole Healy (Teacher)
- Danielle Guli (Teacher)
- Michelle Lakefield (Guidance Counselor)
- Sarah Southwick (School Psychologist)
- Melissa Scherzer (School Psychologist)
- Brandon Kornbluh (Social Worker)
- Amy Hayes (Social Worker)
- Michele Tarnofsky (Principal)
- Arnel Villalobos (Police Officer)
- Peter Tiene (Police Officer)
- Ron Totams (Police Officer)
- Brad Currie (Assistant Superintendent)
- Will Kochis (Superintendent)
- Rich Celebre (Director of Special Services)
- Kat Getto (Nurse)

Bragg Elementary School (Grades 3-5)

- Nicole Hey (Teacher)

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- Deborah Androvette (Teacher)
- Jerry Castro (Teacher)
- Karen Andolina (Guidance Counselor)
- Andrea DiFabrizo (Guidance Counselor)
- Sarah Southwick (School Psychologist)
- Melissa Scherzer (School Psychologist)
- Brandon Kornbluh (Social Worker)
- Amy Hayes (Social Worker)
- Arnel Villalobos (Police Officer)
- Peter Tiene (Police Officer)
- Ron Totams (Police Officer)
- Peter Mercurio (Principal)
- Brad Currie (Assistant Superintendent)
- Will Kochis (Superintendent)
- Rich Celebre (Director of Special Services)
- Cathleen Sullivan (Nurse)

Black River Middle School

- Dana Mazza (Teacher)
- Sean McQueeney (Teacher)
- Milli Roskie (Teacher)
- Krista Maico (Teacher)
- Andrew White (Principal)
- Rebecca Tsihlas (Vice Principal)
- Amal Azzara (Guidance Counselor)
- Jenna Spence (Guidance Counselor)
- Amy Hayes (Social Worker)
- Melissa Scherzer (School Psychologist)
- Sarah Southwick (School Psychologist)
- Anne Pape (Nurse)
- Arnel Villalobos (Police Officer)
- Peter Tiene (Police Officer)
- Ron Totams (Police Officer)
- Brad Currie (School Safety Specialist)
- Will Kochis (Superintendent)
- Rich Celebre (Director of Special Services)

Motion by Carolyn Byszewski

Seconded by John Barounis

Roll Call Vote	EA	JB	ABF	CB	AC	SD	MMD	SS	AS
9-0	Yes								

11. **Buildings, Grounds, Transportation/Finance**— Adam Colicchio (Chair), Adam Sorchini, Carolyn Byszewski and John Barounis.
Mr. Colicchio spoke about construction update, district Architect and new Food Service Program.

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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	08/15/2025	\$234,036.73
Payroll	08/30/2025	\$161,854.70
Payroll	09/15/2025	\$700,745.48
Payroll	09/30/2025	\$715,502.49
Bills List	08/31/2025	\$717,446.22
Bills List	09/23/2025	\$1,475,026.78

11b. Approves Monthly Appropriation Transfers for July 2025 and August 2025

RESOLVED, that the Chester Board of Education approves the following transfers within the 2025-2026 budget for the months of July 2025 and August 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 July 2025 and August 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 July 2025 and August 2025; a copy of which is available for public review in the Chester Board of Education Business Office.

11d. Approves Board Secretary Report for July 2025 and August 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 July 2025 and August 2025; a copy of which is available for public review in the Chester Board of Education Business Office.

11e. Approves Board Treasurer Report for July 2025 and August 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 July 2025 and August 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 July 2025 and August 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 July 2025 and August 2025 and that no major account or fund has been over-expended.

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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	Employee Conference/Workshop	Registration- Tuition	Travel Misc.	Estimated Total Expense
10/14/2025	Vivian Norman Top 20 Strategies to Empower Case Managers West Orange, NJ	\$0.00	\$32.90	\$32.90
10/13/2025	Brianna Vogt Current EBP Approaches to Intervention for Pre-schoolers with Speech and Language Disorders Hackettstown, NJ	\$100.00	\$15.04	\$115.04
10/21/2025	Sean McQueeney AI & Writing Symposium Drew University Madison, NJ	\$33.15	\$5.92	\$39.07
10/21/2025	Millicent Roskie AI & Writing Symposium Drew University Madison, NJ	\$33.15	\$15.98	\$49.13
10/1, 10/8, 10/15, & 10/22 2025	Amy Schwartz 7 Part Intro to Transforming Science Teaching and Learning Online-Webinars	\$60	\$0.00	\$60
10/21/2025	Sara Warren AI & Writing Symposium Drew University Madison, NJ	\$93.15	\$7.99	\$101.14
10/28/2025	Sara Kozlowski 2025 NJAHPERD Health Ed. Conference Rutgers University New Brunswick, NJ	\$175	\$38.20	\$213.20

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11/17 & 11/18 2025	John Machusky Brainstorm Ed Tech Conference Pocono, PA	\$395	\$383.55	\$778.55
10/21/2025	Andrew White Patricia Pohan Kathryn Nieves Licwinko Julie Flores Nora Beitz Danielle Guli Laura Allen Cheryl O'Melia 3 rd Annual AI & Writing Symposium Drew University Madison, NJ	\$780.16	\$0.00	\$780.16
10/13/2025	Theresa Collins Current EBP Approaches to Intervention for Pre- schoolers with Speech and Language Disorders Hackettstown, NJ	\$100	\$0.00	\$100
3/11-3/13 2026	Richard Celebre Council for Exceptional Children Annual Conference	\$479	\$1,026	\$1,505
10/20/2025- 10/23/2025	Sarah Schultz NJSBA Fall Conference	Group Regis- tration \$2,300	\$650.00	\$850.00
10/20/2025- 10/23/2025	Dr. William Kochis NJSBA Fall Conference		\$650.00	\$850.00
10/19/2025- 10/23/2025	Peter Frascella NJSBA Fall Conference		\$650.00	\$850.00
10/20/2025- 10/23/2025	Brad Currie NJSBA Fall Conference		\$650.00	\$850.00

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10/20/2025- 10/23/2025	Melissa Mauro-Duffy NJSBA Fall Conference		\$650.00	\$850.00
10/20/2025- 10/22/2025	Erick Arostegui NJSBA Fall Conference		\$650.00	\$850.00
10/20/2025- 10/23/2025	Adam Sorchini NJSBA Fall Conference		\$650.00	\$850.00
10/20/2025- 10/23/2025	John Barounis NJSBA Fall Conference		\$650.00	\$850.00
10/19/2025- 10/21/2025	Carolyn Byszewski NJSBA Fall Conference		\$650.00	\$850.00
10/20/2025- 10/23/2025	Dr. Suzanne Dundon NJSBA Fall Conference		\$650.00	\$850.00
10/20/2025- 10/23/2025	Amy Buck-Faundez NJSBA Fall Conference		\$650.00	\$850.00

11h. 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
Jr. Model UN	William Paterson University	7-8 GIST Students
State Theatre	New Brunswick, NJ	6-8 Chorus Students

11i. 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:

Field Trip	Location	Grade/Group
MPAC	Morristown, NJ	Kindergarten

11j. Approves Creative Speech Solutions

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves Creative Speech Solutions for various Speech and Language services during the 2025-2026 school year not to exceed \$15,000.

11k. Approves 2025-2026 Parent Volunteers (Dickerson School)

RESOLVED, that the Chester Board of Education approves the following 2025-2026 parent volunteers for Dickerson school:

Stephanie Ellison-2nd Grade Recess
 Tony Pajunas-Library
 Kruti Patel- 2nd Grade Recess

11l. 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.

11m. Approves Submission and Acceptance of the 2025-2026 ESEA Grant

RESOLVED, that the Chester Board of Education approves the submission and acceptance of the 2025-2026 ESEA Grant in the following amounts:

- \$32,765- Title 1-A
- \$14,646- Title 2-A
- \$4,683 – Title 3
- \$10,000 – Title 4-A

11n. Approves Bid #2602 for Snow Removal Services (Harrington Construction Services, Inc.)

RESOLVED, that the Chester Board of Education approves Bid #2302 for Snow Removal Services with Harrington Construction Services, Inc. for the 2025-2026 school year in the amount not to exceed \$120,000.

Motion by Erick Arostegui Seconded by Carolyn Byszewski

Roll Call Vote	EA	JB	ABF	CB	AC	SD	MMD	SS	AS
9-0	Yes								

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

Mrs. Mauro Duffy spoke about change to the NJSLA testing. Last years test score will be presented at the October meeting. Chester being a Revolutionary School District. Mr. Barounis suggested local field trips, the Washington Museum in Morristown and other historical areas of New Jersey pertaining to the Revolutionary War.

12a. 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 and new teacher:

New Employee <i>(New to profession must pay mentor \$550 or prorated amount)</i>	Mentor	School
Jessica Twynam	Jennifer Christal	Dickerson

12b. Approves Literacy Aide (Relation)

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approves Wendy Relation as Kindergarten Literacy Aide at a salary of \$12,743 for the 2025-2026 school year pending approval of criminal history background check for school employees and compliance with NJ P.L.2018, c5.

12c. Approves Leave Replacement Teacher (Lohrmann)

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approves Sara Lohrmann as Leave Replacement teacher effective September 2, 2025 through January 5, 2026 at a salary of \$59,055 prorated Step 1 BA for the 2025-2026 school year pending approval of criminal history background check for school employees and compliance with NJ P.L.2018, c5.

12d. Approves Leave of Absence (Employee #1193)

RESOLVED: that the Board of Education approves the following leave of absence for employee # 1193:

Sick Time Start Date (with benefits)	09/02/25
Sick Days Used	39
Date of Return	10/29/25

12e. Approves Day Custodian Stipend (Zapata)

RESOLVED, that up the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approves Bragg Custodian, Dora Zapata to be paid the Day Custodian stipend of \$5,600 prorated for the month of September 2025.

12f. Approves Team Leader (Special Education)

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approves the following team leader for the 2025-2026 school year with stipend as determined by Schedule "B" of the Agreement between The Chester Board of Education and The Chester Education Association:

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Team Leader	Grade
Lisa Pela	Special Education

12g. Approves Team Leaders (BRMS)

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approves the following team leaders for the 2025-2026 school year with stipend as determined by Schedule “B” of the Agreement between The Chester Board of Education and The Chester Education Association:

Team Leaders	Grade
Taryn Mansolino	Grade 6
Mike Stagg	Grade 7
Krista Maico	Grade 8
Kathy Vespignani	Related Arts
Erika Rosamilia & Sarah Warren (Split)	Special Education

12h. Approves BRMS Fall Sports Coaches

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approves the following BRMS Fall Sports Coaches for the 2025-2026 school year with stipend as determined by Schedule “B” of the Agreement between The Chester Board of Education and The Chester Education Association:

Fall Season:		
Field Hockey		Longevity
Head Coach:	Melissa D'Auria	3
Asst. Coach:	Milli Roskie	3
X-Country		
Head Coach:	Krista Maico	8
Asst. Coach:	Amy Schwartz	1
Girls' Soccer		
Head Coach:	Kathy Vespignani	10
Asst. Coach:	Laura Garrison	5
Boys' Soccer		
Head Coach:	Kevin Cullen	16
Asst. Coach:	Taryn Mansolino	9

12i. Approves Horizontal Advancement on Guide

RESOLVED, that the Chester Board of Education approves advancement on the salary guide for the following staff members effective October 1, 2025.

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Name	Current Step	Current Salary	Advance Step	Advance Salary
Beitz, Nora	Step 14-15 MA	\$77,995	Step 14-15 MA+15	\$78,745
Casperson, Evelyn	Step 9 MA+15	\$68,810	Step 9 MA+30	\$72,185
D'Auria, Melissa	Step 8 MA	\$67,760	Step 8 MA+30	\$71,585
Edelmann, Annabelle	Step 6 BA	\$61,860	Step 6 MA	\$66,360
Fazio, Kylie	Step 2-3 BA	\$59,455	Step 2-3 MA	\$65,455
Kozlowski, Sara	Step 22 MA+15	\$97,885	Step 22 MA+30	\$100,060
Marianino, Lauren	Step 9 MA+15	\$68,810	Step 9 MA+30	\$72,185
McGookin, Elizabeth	Step 6 MA+15	\$67,110	Step 6 MA+30	\$70,485
McPherson, Catherine	Step 9 MA	\$68,060	Step 9 MA+15	\$68,810
Meierhofer, Theresa	Step 22 MA	\$96,835	Step 22 MA+30	\$100,060
Miller, Danielle	Step 13 BA	\$69,355	Step 13 BA+15	\$70,855
Nealon, Courtney	Step 4-5 BA	\$59,855	Step 4-5 BA+15	\$61,355
Rodriguez, Cinthia	Step 16-17 BA+15	\$76,835	Step 16-17 MA	\$80,735
Rosamilia, Erika	Step 21 MA	\$92,695	Step 21 MA+15	\$93,455
Saucedo, Denielle	Step 14-15 MA+15	\$78,745	Step 14-15 MA+30	\$82,120
Smith, Sarah	Step 21 MA	\$92,695	Step 21 MA+15	\$93,445
Turnbull, Katherine	Step 9 MA+15	\$68,810	Step 9 MA+30	\$72,185
Viscuso, Micol	Step 8 BA+15	\$62,960	Step 8 MA	\$67,460

12j. Designates School Violence Awareness Week

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 18A:36-5.1 establishes the third Monday in October to be School Violence Awareness Week; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has provided certified specialists to develop age appropriate opportunities for student discussion on conflict resolution, issues of student diversity, and tolerance; and

WHEREAS, the law identifies this week as a Week of School Violence Awareness.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Chester Board of Education designates October 20-25, 2025 as a “School Violence Awareness Week.”

12k. Designates Week of Respect

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 18A:37-29 establishes the first Monday in October to be Week of Respect; and

WHEREAS, the Chester Board of Education recognizes the importance of character education, shall observe the week by developing age appropriate instruction focusing on preventing harassment, intimidation or bullying as defined in section 2 of P.L.2002, c.83; and

WHEREAS, the law also directs throughout the school year that a school district shall provide ongoing age appropriate instruction on preventing harassment, intimidation, bullying in accordance with core curriculum content standards.

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RESOLVED that the Chester Board of Education designates October 6-10, 2025 as “Week of Respect.”

12l. Designates School Red Ribbon Week

WHEREAS, alcohol and drug abuse affect individuals, families and communities across the nation; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that visible, unified prevention education efforts by community members be launched to prevent drug abuse; and

WHEREAS, Red Ribbon Week offers citizens the opportunity to demonstrate their commitment to drug-free lifestyles; and

WHEREAS, Red Ribbon Week will be celebrated in communities across the nation on October 23-31; and

WHEREAS, business, government, law enforcement, media, health care providers, religious institutions, schools, and other community-based organizations will demonstrate their commitment to healthy, drug-free lifestyles by wearing red ribbons and participating in drug prevention activities; and

WHEREAS, the community of the Chester School District further commits its resources to ensure the success of the Red Ribbon Campaign;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Chester Board of Education does hereby proclaim October 23-31, 2025, as RED RIBBON WEEK, and encourages all to participate in drug prevention education activities, not only during Red Ribbon Week, but all year long, making a visible statement that we are strongly committed to a drug-free community.

12m. Approves Professional Work (NJSLA Training & Fall Field Test Prep)

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approves the following staff members for 10 hours each to be paid \$62 per hour as determined by Schedule “B” of the Agreement between The Chester Board of Education and The Chester Education Association:

Karen Andolina
Timothy Morris

12n. Approves Team Leaders (Bragg)

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approves the following team leaders for the 2025-2026 school year with stipend as determined by Schedule “B” of the Agreement between The Chester Board of Education and The Chester Education Association:

Team Leaders	Grade
Kelli Dolan & Lauren Scarfo (Split)	Grade 3

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Brian Seely	Grade 4
Julie Flores & Nicole Hey (Split)	Grade 5
Lori Vilagos	Related Arts
Debra Androvette & Maryanne Vindici and Alexis Carle (Split)	Special Education

12o. Approves Substitute Custodian (Arias)

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approves Oscar Arias as substitute custodian at \$20 per hour for the 2025-2026 school year pending approval of criminal history background check for school employees and compliance with NJ P.L.2018, c5.

12p. Approves Professional Work (2025 - 2026 SEPAG/Multilingual Meetings)

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following staff members to attend SEPAG/Multilingual meetings for the 2025-2026 school year for 2 hours each at the contracted professional hourly rate of \$62.00.

- Alyssa Stachura
- Tim Rain

12q. Approves Chaperones (District Staff)

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approves Chester School District Staff members to chaperone for the 2025-2026 school year with stipend as determined by Schedule “B” of the Agreement between The Chester Board of Education and The Chester Education Association.

12r. Approves Dickerson 2025-2026 Club Advisors

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approves Chester School District Staff members as Club Advisors for the 2025-2026 school year with stipend as determined by Schedule “B” of the Agreement between The Chester Board of Education and The Chester Education Association.

Crazy 8's Math Club	Dickerson	\$1,864.00	Valerie Lemp
Art Club Grade 1 (Stipend 1)	Dickerson	\$1,864.00	Alyssa Stachura
Art Club Grade 2 (Stipend 1)	Dickerson	\$1,864.00	Alyssa Stachura
Fitness Club (PM)	Dickerson	\$1,864.00	Timothy Rain
Mindfulness Club	Dickerson	\$1,864.00	Christine Donlon
Chess Club	Dickerson	\$1,864.00	Sal Giordano
Music Theater (2)	Dickerson	\$1,864.00	Pierre Lawrence & Linda Blazier (Split)
Fitness Club (AM)	Dickerson	\$1,864.00	Timothy Rain

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12s. Approves Bragg 2025-2026 Club Advisors

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approves Chester School District Staff members as Club Advisors for the 2025-2026 school year with stipend as determined by Schedule “B” of the Agreement between The Chester Board of Education and The Chester Education Association.

Super Scientists	Bragg	\$1,864.00	TBD
Technology Club (Stipend 1)	Bragg	\$1,864.00	Jerry Castro
Technology Club (Stipend 2)	Bragg	\$1,864.00	Jerry Castro
Chess Club	Bragg	\$1,864.00	Nicole Polkowski
Running Club	Bragg	\$1,864.00	Lauren Scarfo / Alli Johnson (Split)
Minecraft Club (2)	Bragg	\$1,864.00	Nicole Polkowski
Pickleball Club	Bragg	\$1,864.00	Russell Schilp
Yearbook Club	Bragg	\$1,864.00	Erica David
4th Grade Chamber Choir	Bragg	\$1,864.00	Robert Gruver
5th Grade Chamber Choir	Bragg	\$1,864.00	Robert Gruver
Chester Band (Advanced)	Bragg	\$1,864.00	Christopher Jala
Bulldog Band (Intermediate)	Bragg	\$1,864.00	Christopher Jala
Homework Club (Stipend 1)	Bragg	\$1,864.00	Allie Johnson,
Homework Club (Stipend 2)	Bragg	\$1,864.00	Maryanne Vindici
Student Council/ Safety Patrol	Bragg	\$1,864.00	Andrea DiFabrizio & Karen Andolina (Split)
Performing Arts Club (Stipend 1)	Bragg	\$1,864.00	Robert Gruver
Performing Arts Club (Stipend 2)	Bragg	\$1,864.00	Katherine Strauss
Trep\$ (Stipend 1)	Bragg	\$1,864.00	Gretchen Capan
Trep\$ (Stipend 2)	Bragg	\$1,864.00	Russel Schilp
Art Club	Bragg	\$1,864.00	Maribeth Cassels
Badminton Club	Bragg	\$1,864.00	Russell Schilp
Literacy Blog/News Magazine	Bragg	\$1,864.00	Christa Bedkowski
Helping Hands/Climate Club	Bragg	\$1,864.00	Cheryl O'Melia
American Sign Language Club	Bragg	\$1,864.00	Laura Allen
Crochet Club	Bragg	\$1,864.00	Kelly Tompkins
Community Service Club	Bragg	\$1,864,00	Christa Bedkowski
Kindness Club	Bragg	\$1,864.00	Andrea DiFabrizio
Makerspace Club	Bragg	\$1, 864.00	Kelly Tompkins

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Strategy Board Games	Bragg	\$1,864.00	Kelly Tompkins
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12t. Approves BRMS 2025-2026 Club Advisors

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approves Chester School District Staff members as Club Advisors for the 2025-2026 school year with stipend as determined by Schedule “B” of the Agreement between The Chester Board of Education and The Chester Education Association.

Abilities Awareness Club	BRMS	\$1,864.00	Sarah Warren
Art Club	BRMS	\$1,864.00	Sarah Smith
Board Game Club	BRMS	\$1,864.00	Brandon Kornbluh
Chess Club	BRMS	\$1,864.00	Mike Stagg
Chinese Club	BRMS	\$1,864.00	Haiping Wang
Crochet Club	BRMS	\$1,864.00	Kathryn Gallagher
Digital Media Club	BRMS	\$1,864.00	Lorri Willis
Drama Club Director	BRMS	\$1,864.00	TBD
Drama Lights	BRMS	\$1,864.00	TBD
Drama Sound	BRMS	\$1,864.00	TBD
Drama Stage	BRMS	\$1,864.00	TBD
Flag Football Club (1)	BRMS	\$1,864.00	Tim Morris
Flag Football Club (2)	BRMS	\$1,864.00	Arnel Villalobos
French Club	BRMS	\$1,864.00	Micol Viscuso
Gardening Club	BRMS	\$1,864.00	Lorri Willis
Homework Club (1)	BRMS	\$1,864.00	TBD
Homework Club (2)	BRMS	\$1,864.00	TBD
Honors Band Fall	BRMS	\$1,864.00	Ken Piascik
Honors Band Spring	BRMS	\$1,864.00	Ken Piascik
Jazz Ensemble	BRMS	\$1,864.00	Ken Piascik
Kindness Club (split)	BRMS	\$1,864.00	Ashley Wilhite & Nicole Callahan
Makerspace Club	BRMS	\$1,864.00	Tricia Pohan
Meteorology Club	BRMS	\$1,864.00	Mike Stagg
Percussion Ensemble	BRMS	\$1,864.00	Ken Piascik
Pickleball Club	BRMS	\$1,864.00	Amy Schwartz
Scene Study & Stage Club (split)	BRMS	\$1,864.00	Doreen Aiello & Kathy Vespignani
Science Club	BRMS	\$1,864.00	Christina Sarlo
Service Club (split)	BRMS	\$1,864.00	Kathy Werner & Cinthia Rodriguez
Ski/Snowboard Club (1)	BRMS	\$1,864.00	Tricia Pohan

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Ski/Snowboard Club (2)	BRMS	\$1,864.00	Terri Meierhofer
Spanish Club	BRMS	\$1,864.00	Kathy Werner
STEM Club	BRMS	\$1,864.00	Andy Gray
Student Union	BRMS	\$1,864.00	Kate Cecala
Technology Club	BRMS	\$1,864.00	Laura Garrison
Variety Show (1)	BRMS	\$1,864.00	Doreen Aiello
Variety Show (2)	BRMS	\$1,864.00	Dana Mazza
Volleyball Club (1)	BRMS	\$1,864.00	Christina Sarlo
Volleyball Club (2)	BRMS	\$1,864.00	Lorri Willis
Yearbook Club	BRMS	\$1,864.00	Cinthia Rodriguez
Science Fair (Middle)	BRMS	\$1,864.00	TBD
Testing Coordinator BRMS	BRMS	\$1,864.00	Timothy Morris
Chester Library Liaison	BRMS	\$1,864.00	Elizabeth McGookin
Advisory Coordinator (split)	BRMS	\$1,864.00	Milli Roskie, Ashley Wilhite, Tim Morris
8th Grade Trip Nurse	BRMS	\$1,864.00	Anne Pape
8th Grade Trip Coordinator	BRMS	\$1,864.00	Sean McQueeney

12u. Approves BRMS 2025-2026 DC Trip Chaperones

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approves Chester School District Staff members as DC trip chaperones for the 2025-2026 school year with stipend as determined by Schedule “B” of the Agreement between The Chester Board of Education and The Chester Education Association.

Andrew White	Rebecca Tsihlas
Sean McQueeney	Cinthia Rodriguez
Milli Roskie	Lorri Willis
Kate Cecala	Chris Duffy
Tim Morris	Melissa D'Auria
Cat Mcpherson	Nicole Rittenhouse

12v. Approves Literacy Aide (Craig)

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approves Ana Maria Craig as Dickerson Cafeteria Aide at a salary of \$5,839 for the 2025-2026 school year pending approval of criminal history background check for school employees and compliance with NJ P.L.2018, c5.

Motion by Carolyn Byszewski Seconded by Melissa Mauro Duffy

Roll Call Vote	EA	JB	ABF	CB	AC	SD	MMD	SS	AS
9-0	Yes								

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- 13. Policy-** Adam Sorchini (Chair), Adam Colicchio, John Barounis and Melissa Mauro Duffy
Mr. Sorchini introduced the policies on the agenda.

- 13a. Approves Second Reading and Adoption of Policy 3220-State Funds, Federal Funds**
RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approves second reading and adoption of Policy 3220-State Funds, Federal Funds.

Motion by Carolyn Byszewski Seconded by Adam Colicchio

Roll Call Vote	EA	JB	ABF	CB	AC	SD	MMD	SS	AS
9-0	Yes								

- 13b. Approves Second Reading and Adoption of Policy 9200-Orientation and Training of Board Members**
RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approves second reading and adoption of Policy 9200-Orientation and Training of Board Members

Motion by Amy Buck Faundez Seconded by Adam Sorchini

Roll Call Vote	EA	JB	ABF	CB	AC	SD	MMD	SS	AS
9-0	Yes								

- 13c. Approve First Reading of Policy 5141.21-Administering Medication**
RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approves first reading of Policy 5141.21-Administering Medication

Motion by John Barounis Seconded by Melissa Mauro Duffy

Roll Call Vote	EA	JB	ABF	CB	AC	SD	MMD	SS	AS
9-0	Yes								

- 13d. Approve Revised 2025-2026 School Calendar**
RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approves the revised 2025-2026 revised calendar to include dates of Fall and Spring Parent Teacher conferences.

Motion by John Barounis Seconded by Melissa Mauro Duffy

Roll Call Vote	EA	JB	ABF	CB	AC	SD	MMD	SS	AS
9-0	Yes								

- 14. Executive Session**
None

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16. **Committee of The Whole**
None

17. **Unfinished Business**
None

18. **New Business**
Mr. Barounis made a statement about Tabitha Bellamy at the NJDOE and her comments about the Charlie Kirk assassination. DOE should be held to the same ethical stands as Board Members. He reached out to the commissioner.
Mrs. Byszewski stated the speed limit flashing signs on North Road times need to be adjusted.

19. **Adjournment**
There being no further business to discuss, upon the motion of Carolyn Byszewski and seconded by Adam Colicchio, the Board considered a motion to adjourn at 7:38 p.m.

Roll Call Vote	EA	JB	ABF	CB	AC	SD	MMD	SS	AS
9-0	Yes								

Respectfully Submitted,



Peter Frascella
Board Secretary