

REGULAR MEETING

February 24, 2026

Minutes

1. Call to Order

Sarah Schultz, Board President, called the meeting to order at **7:05 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	Absent	Adam Sorchini	Absent
Adam Colicchio	Yes	Quorum	Yes

4. Pledge of Allegiance

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

5. Presentations

Assistant Superintendent, Mr. Brad Currie presented to the Board Members the Student Safety Data System Report Presentation (July 1, 2025-December 31, 2025)

Dr Kochis gave a presentation on the updated District Goals.

6. Administration

- Superintendent - Dr. William Kochis
- Assistant Superintendent - Mr. Brad Currie
- Business Administrator/Board Secretary - Mr. Peter Frascella

6a. Superintendent's Report

Dr Kochis congratulated the retirees and thanked custodial staff.

6b. Business Administrator's Report

None

7. President's Comments

Sarah Schultz shared that she and Amy Buck Faundez attended the County School Board Meeting.. They also attended the County Executive Meeting and discussed Board Member certification. Also attended Inspiration at the cafe at BRMS. Sarah also discussed the Science Fair and congratulated the Boys Basketball team.

8. Public Commentary

Lisa Gurzo discussed walking to school for the students and provided ideas for this. Mike Gurzo discussed walking to school was part of the reason for moving to Chester.

9. Approval of Minutes

9a. Approves Minutes from January 20, 2026

RESOLVED, that the Chester Board of Education approves the Regular meeting minutes of the meeting held on January 20, 2026

9b. Approves Executive Meeting Minutes from January 20, 2026

RESOLVED, that the Chester Board of Education approves the Executive meeting minutes of the meeting held on January 20, 2026.

Motion by Adam Colicchio

Seconded by Erick Arostegui

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

Adam Colicchio discussed the Buildings and Grounds projects, budget and Food Service survey.

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 01/30/2026	\$735,375.68
Payroll 02/13/2026	\$734,327.17
Bills List 02/24/2026	\$3,087,046.93

11b. Approves Monthly Appropriation Transfers for December 2025 and January 2026

RESOLVED, that the Chester Board of Education approves the following transfers within the

2025-2026 budget for the months of December 2025 and January 2026 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 December 2025 and January 2026

RESOLVED, that pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-13.3, the Chester Board of Education approves the Monthly Report of Transfers for December 2025 and January 2026; a copy of which is available for public review in the Chester Board of Education Business Office.

11d. Approves Board Secretary Report for December 2025 and January 2026

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 December 2025 and January 2026; a copy of which is available for public review in the Chester Board of Education Business Office.

11e. Approves Board Treasurer Report for December 2025 and January 2026

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 December 2025 and January 2026; 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 December 2025 and January 2026

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 December 2025 and January 2026 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	Employee Conference/Workshop	Registration / Tuition	Travel / Misc.	Estimated Total Expense
3/18/2026	Joseph Pizzo NJ Association of Middle Level Education State Conference Lincroft, NJ	\$150		\$150
3/10/2026	John Machusky NJECC Educational Technology Conference Montclair, NJ	\$125	\$31.96	\$156.96
03/06/2026	Rebecca Tsihlas	No fee		\$0

	<p>Tim Morris Cat McPherson Ashley Wilhite</p> <p>Insight 2026 Conference: Navigating the Now at Manville High School Manville, NJ</p>			
03/18/2026	<p>Will Kochis Brad Currie Andrew White Rebecca Tsihlas Ken Piascik Krista Maico Milli Roskie Sean McQueeney</p> <p>NJ Association of Middle Level Education State Conference Lincroft, NJ</p>	\$900		\$900

11h. 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
Riamede Farm	Chester, NJ	Pre-K
The Growing Stage	Netcong, NJ	Grade 1

11i Approves ESY Music Therapy Services (Jammin' Jen)

RESOLVED, that the Chester Board of Education approves Jammin Jen to provide 10-30 minutes music therapy services at \$70 per visit for a total cost not to exceed \$700.00

11j. Approves ESY BCBA Services (Kit Consulting)

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approves Kit Consulting to provide Board-Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA) services for 10 hours a week at \$125 per hour for the ESY Program for a total cost not to exceed \$7,500.

11k. Approves ESY RBT Services

RESOLVED, that the Chester Board of Education approves The Stepping Stones Group to provide a Registered Behavioral Technician (Arevalo) to provide services for 18 hours a week at \$65 an hour for the ESY Program not to exceed \$6,200.

11l. Approves ESY PT Services

RESOLVED, that the Chester Board of Education approves United Therapy Solutions to provide a Physical Therapist to provide services for **9** hours a week at **\$95** an hour for the ESY Program for a total cost not to exceed \$3,500.

11m. Approves Joint Transportation Agreement for the 2026-2027 School Year

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 18A: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

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.

11n. Approves Renewal of Joint Transportation Agreement for School Related Activities (Mendham Twp. BOE)

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the School Business Administrator, the Chester Board of Education approves renewal of Joint Transportation Agreement for School Related Activities with Mendham Twp. Board of Education effective July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027.

11o. 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
Paper Mill Playhouse	Millburn, NJ	Select Chorus

11p. Approves SEMI Waiver

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-5.3 provides that a school district may request a waiver of compliance with respect to the district's participation in the Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Program for the 2026-2027 school year; and

WHEREAS, the Chester Board of Education desires to apply for this waiver due to the fact that it projects having 40 or fewer Medicaid eligible Special Education Students.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Chester Board of Education hereby authorizes the Chief School Administrator to submit to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools in the County of Morris an appropriate waiver of the requirements of NJAC 6A:23A-5.3 for the 2026-2027 school year.

Motioned by John Barounis

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

- 12. Curriculum/Governance/Personnel**—*Melissa Mauro Duffy (Chair), Sarah Schultz, Suzanne Dundon, and Amy Buck Faundez*
Melissa Mauro Duffy discussed Revolutionary School book study and other projects.

12a. Approves Professional Work (2026 Science Fair Judges)

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following staff members to be 2026 Science Fair Judges to be paid the professional hourly rate of \$62 per hour for up to 4 hours each as determined by Schedule “B” of the Agreement between The Chester Board of Education and The Chester Education Association:

Gretchen Capan	Evelyn Casperson
Ashley Wilhite	Steven Bloemeke
Kelli Dolan	Laura Allen
Kylie Fazio	Nicole Polkowski
Brianna Amendola	Katie Strauss
Gretchen Jacot	Andrea DiFabrizio
Marissa Ryan	Christopher Duffy
Christa Bedkowski	Taryn Mansolino
Nicole Hey	Maryanne Vindicci

12b. Approves Professional Work (2026 Science Fair Chaperones)

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following staff members to be 2026 Science Fair Chaperones to be paid \$86 for the first two hours and \$43 per each additional hour for up to four hours total as determined by Schedule “B” of the Agreement between The Chester Board of Education and The Chester Education Association:

Lauren Freund	Jade Holzworth
Sara Lohrmann	Nicole Berg

Lori Mauger	Cathleen Matthews
Micol Viscuso	Steven Bogart
Jessica Twynam	Rose Alban
Ron Fazekas	Nicole Hey

12c. Approves Horizontal Advancement on Guide

RESOLVED, that the Chester Board of Education approves advancement on the salary guide for the following staff members effective March 1, 2026.

Name	Current Step	Current Salary	Advance Step	Advance Salary
Allen, Laura	BA Step 6	\$60,360	MA Step 6	\$66,360
Duffy, Christopher	MA Step 19	\$86,515	MA+15 Step 19	\$87,265
Garrison, Laura	MA Step 22	\$95,935	MA+30 Step 22	\$100,060
McPherson, Catherine	MA+15 Step 9	\$68,810	MA+30 Step 9	\$72,185
Miller, Danielle	BA+15 Step 13	\$70,855	MA Step 13	\$75,355
Nealon, Courtney	BA+15 Step 4-5	\$61,355	BA+30 Step 4-5	\$65,105
Rodriguez, Cinthia	MA Step 16-17	\$80,735	MA+30 Step 16-17	\$84,860
Smith, Sarah	MA+15 Step 21	\$93,445	MA+30 Step 21	\$96,820
Warren, Sarah	MA Step 9	\$68,060	MA+30 Step 9	\$72,185

12d. Approves Chaperone for the 2025-26 School Year (Gern)

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approves Kim Gern as a chaperone during a board approved club and extra-curricular activities for the 2025-2026 school year to be paid her contracted hourly rate for 2 hours.

12e. Approves ESY Program Lead Teacher (Christal)

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approves Jennifer Christal as Lead Teacher for the ESY program, at the professional hourly rate of \$62 from July 6th - August 6th, 2026 (plus one prep day) for up to 5.5 hours daily at a cost of up to \$7,161.

12f. Approves ESY Lead Teacher Prep Hours (Christal)

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education Jennifer Christal for professional hours to be paid the professional hourly rate of \$62 for 30 hours.

12g. Approves ESY Staffing

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approves the following teachers for the Extended School Year (ESY) summer program from July 6, 2026 through August 6, 2026, at \$62 (plus one prep day) for up to 4.5 hours daily.

Role	Staff Member	Total (Not to Exceed)
CST on sight	Brandon Kornbluh	\$5,859.00
CST on sight	Vivian Norman	\$5,859.00
Preschool Teacher	Kelly Rhatigan	\$5,859.00
ABA Teacher	Kim Matus	\$5,859.00
ESY Teacher	Lisa Pela	\$5,859.00
ESY Teacher	John Christie	\$5,859.00
ESY Teacher	Maryanne Vindici	\$5,859.00
ESY Teacher	Marisa Ryan	\$5,859.00
ESY Teacher	Kelli Dolan	\$5,859.00
ESY Teacher	Sarah Warren	\$5,859.00
ESY Teacher	Nicole Callahan	\$5,859.00
MLL Teacher	Denielle Saucedo	\$5,859.00
MLL Teacher	Kathleen Werner	\$5,859.00
Related Arts Teacher	Tim Rain	\$5,859.00
Related Arts Teacher	Alyssa Stachura	\$5,859.00
Related Arts Teacher	Gretchen Capan	\$5,859.00
Occupational Therapist	Melissa Tuleya	\$5,859.00
Speech Therapist	Brianna Amendola	\$5,859.00

12h. Approves 2026 ESY Substitute Teachers

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approves the following substitute teachers for the Extended School Year (ESY) summer program from July 6, 2026 through August 6, 2026, at \$62 for up to 4.5 hours daily.

Teacher
Cinthia Rodriguez

Gabriella Pecoraro
Samantha Pepe
Catherine McPherson
Liz Wilson
Lori Vilagos
Courtney Nealon
Kimberly DeRosa

12i. Approves 2026 ESY Paraprofessionals

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approves the following paraprofessionals for the Extended School Year (ESY) summer program from July 6, 2026 through August 6, 2026, to be paid their contracted hourly rate for up to 4.5 hours daily.

Role	Staff
Paraprofessional	John Kovach
Paraprofessional	Christine Youtz
Paraprofessional	Rose Alban
Paraprofessional	Jade Holzworth
Paraprofessional	Linda Jasinkiewicz
Paraprofessional	Lauren Costanza
Paraprofessional	Maria Volant

12j. Approves Teacher for Summer Translation Services (Capan)

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approves Gretchen Capan to translate documents from English to Spanish for up to 10 hours per month for the extended school year at the professional hourly rate of \$62 for a total cost of up to \$620.

12k. Approves 2026 ESY Nurse for Student #20754 (Ahmadi)

RESOLVED, that the Chester Board of Education approves Sally Ahmadi to provide nursing services to student #20754 for up to 3 hours daily at the rate of \$77.00 an hour for the ESY program.

12l. Approves Staff Member for 2026 Summer Scholars Lead Teacher

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approves the following staff member for Summer Scholars Program Lead Teacher for the 2025-2026 school year to be paid the professional rate of \$62.00 per hour as determined by Schedule "B" of the Agreement between The Chester Board of Education and The Chester Education Association:

- Dana Militante - Lead Teacher (30 hours advance prep) \$1,860
- Dana Militante - Lead Teacher (3.5 hours/day) \$4,557 (includes one prep day)

12m. Approves 2026 Summer Scholars Program Teachers/Staff

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approves the following staff members for Summer Scholars Program for the 2025-2026 school year from July 6, 2026 through August 6, 2026, 4 days per week, 3.5 hours per day to be paid the professional rate of \$62.00 per hour for a total of \$4,557 (includes one prep day) each as determined by Schedule "B" of the Agreement between The Chester Board of Education and The Chester Education Association:

- Linda Blazier
- Lauren Allen
- Alison Pigott
- Kira Steinmark
- Nicole Polkowski
- Katie Strauss
- Kylie Fazio

12n. Approves 2026 Summer Scholars Program Secretary (Berg)

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approves the following staff members for the 2025-26 Summer Scholars Program to be paid \$26.00 per hour 4 days per week and 30 advance prep hours:

- Nicole Berg (30 Hours Advanced Prep) \$780.00
- Nicole Berg (20 Days at 4 hours per day) \$2,080

12o. Approves Professional Work (Cahill)

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approves Colleen Cahill for professional work related to the 2026 Summer Scholars Program for up to 8 hours at the contracted professional hourly rate of \$62.00.

12p. Approves 2026 Summer Scholars Program Substitute Teachers

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approves the following staff members as Substitute teachers for Summer Scholars Program for the 2025-2026 school year from July 6, 2025 through August 6, 2025, to be paid the professional rate of \$62.00 per hour as determined by Schedule “B” of the Agreement between The Chester Board of Education and The Chester Education Association:

- Samantha Pepe
- Catherine McPherson
- Joseph Pizzo
- Cinthia Rodriguez
- Christa Bedkowski

12q. Approves 2026 ESY Bus Drivers/Paras

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approves the following bus drivers and bus paras for the 2026-2027 ESY program from July 6, 2026 - August 6, 2026 (20 days) at their contracted hourly rate:

Role	Staff
Bus Driver	Holly Law
Bus Driver	Yoslin Lopez
Bus Driver	Emily Perez
Sub-Bus Driver	Pam Roberts
Bus Para	John Kovach
Bus Para	Linda Jasinkiewicz
Bus Para	Jade Holzworth
Bus Para	Gretchen Capan

12r. Approves Professional Summer Work

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approves the following CST members to complete professional summer work up to 30 hours at the professional hourly rate of \$62 from July 1, 2026 through August 31, 2026.

Role	Staff	Total (Not to Exceed)
Instructional Coach	Jennifer Christal	\$1,860.00
LDT-C	Andrea Colicchio	\$1,860.00
LDT-C	Vivian Norman	\$1,860.00
School Psychologist	Sarah Southwick	\$1,860.00
School Psychologist	Melissssa Scherzer	\$1,860.00
School Social Worker	Brandon Kornbluh	\$1,860.00
School Social Worker	Erika Sciancalepore	\$1,860.00
Multilingual Learners Teacher	Debra Androvette	\$1,860.00

12s. Approves Professional Work

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approves the following CST members to complete professional summer work up to 10 hours at the professional hourly rate of \$62 from July 1, 2026 through August 31, 2026.

Role	Staff	Total (Not to Exceed)
Speech Therapist	Theresa Collins	\$620.00
Speech Therapist	Brianna Amendola	\$620.00
Speech Therapist	Danielle Morrison	\$620.00
Occupational Therapist	Melissa Tuleya	\$620.00

12t. Approves 2026 ESY Program Nurse (Pape)

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approves Anne Pape as Nurse for the ESY program, at the professional hourly rate of \$62 from July 6th - August 6th, 2026 (plus one prep day) for up to 5.5 hours daily at a cost of up to \$7,161.

12u. Approves Leave of Absence (Employee # 1571)

RESOLVED: that the Board of Education approves the following leave of absence for employee # 1571:

Leave Start Date	03/23/2026
NJFLA with benefits	03/23/2026
Anticipated Date of Return	08/25/2026

12v. Accepts Resignation (Beitz)

RESOLVED, that the Chester Board of Education accepts the resignation of BRMS ILA teacher Nora Beitz effective March 1, 2026.

12w. Approves Dickerson 2026 Math & Literacy Night Professional Work

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approves the following staff members for one hour each of professional work at the contracted rate of \$62 for prep/set up for the 2026 Dickerson Math & Literacy Night:

- Cassie Bruno
- Nicole Healy
- Margaret George
- Rebecca Gambuti
- Lauren Freund
- Erica David

12x. Approves Dickerson 2026 Math & Literacy Night Chaperones

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approves the following staff members for two hours each (5:45-7:45) to chaperone the 2026 Dickerson Math & Literacy Night to be paid the contracted rate of \$86 total per person.

- Cassie Bruno
- Lauren Costanza
- Jennifer Christal
- Samantha Pepe
- Barbara Knowles
- Erica David
- Nicole Healy
- Margaret George
- Rebecca Gambuti
- Lauren Freund

12y. Approves Dickerson Yearbook Advisor (David)

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approves Erica David as Dickerson 2026 Yearbook advisor to be paid the contracted amount of \$1,864.

12z. Approves Classroom Observation (Frank)

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approves Morris County College student Lia Frank for classroom observation at Dickerson school pending approval of criminal history background check for school employees

and compliance with NJ P.L. 2018, c5.

12aa. Accepts Retirement (Aiello)

RESOLVED, that the Chester Board of Education accepts the retirement of Doreen Aiello effective July 1, 2026 with much gratitude for 20 years of service to the Chester School District.

12bb. Accepts Retirement (Piascik)

RESOLVED, that the Chester Board of Education accepts the retirement of Dr. Kenneth Piascik effective June 30, 2026 with much gratitude for 21 years of service to the Chester School District.

12cc. Accepts Retirement (Gruver)

RESOLVED, that the Chester Board of Education accepts the retirement of Robert Gruver effective June 30, 2026 with much gratitude for 25 years of service to the Chester School District.

Motion by Melissa Mauro Duffy

Seconded by John Barounis

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–** *Erick Arostegui(Chair), Adam Colicchio, John Barounis, and Melissa Mauro Duffy*
Erick Arostegui discussed the Policies being approved.

13a. Approves First Reading of Policy 4119.26, 4219.26 - Electronic Communication

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approves first reading of policy 4119.26, 4219.26 - Electronic Communication.

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

13b. Approves First Reading of Policy 4111 - Recruitment, Selection and Hiring

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approves first reading of policy 4111 - Recruitment, Selection and Hiring.

Motion by Erick Arostegui

Seconded by John Barounis

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 **February 24, 2026 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 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

15. Return to Public Session

Upon the motion of Adam Colicchio and seconded by Melissa Mauro Duffy, the Board returned to Public Session at 8:25 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

16a. Approves Superintendent's Recommendation for HIB Case # 4

RESOLVED, that the Chester Board of Education approves the Superintendent's recommendation for HIB Case # 4

Motion by John Barounis

Seconded by Erick Arostegui

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

16b. Approves Superintendent's Recommendation for HIB Case # 5

RESOLVED, that the Chester Board of Education approves the Superintendent's recommendation for HIB Case # 5

Motion by Erick Arostegui

Seconded by John Barounis

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

Motion to adjust the 25-26 school calendar to indicate a ½ day on 6/19/26 and change Tuesday 6/16/26 to a full day.

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Motion by John Barounis

Seconded by Suzanne Dundon

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

18. New Business

Walking Policy discussion brought to the full Board.

19. Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, upon the motion of John Barounis and seconded by Amy Buck Faudez, the Board considered a motion to adjourn at 8:52 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