

**CHESTER BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING—BOARD RETREAT
August 5, 2026
AGENDA**

*A special meeting of the Chester Board of Education will be held on Wednesday,
August 5, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. in the Chester Board of Education Office, 50 North Rd.,
Chester, NJ 07930*

1. Call to Order_____

2. Sunshine Announcement

Be advised 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 will be posted on the District website prior to the Board meeting.

3. Roll Call

Erick Arostegui		Suzanne Dundon	
John Barounis		Melissa Mauro-Duffy	
Amy Buck Faundez		Sarah Schultz	
Carolyn Byszewski		Adam Sorchini	
Adam Colicchio		Quorum	

4. Pledge of Allegiance

5. Administration

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

6. Public Commentary

Please be aware that this portion is your opportunity to comment, and is not a forum for the Board to respond to your comments. However, the Board will certainly give all comments appropriate consideration.

When permitted, public participation shall be governed by the following rules under Policy 9325.2:

1. Anyone wishing to speak before the Board shall indicate so during the Public Commentary portion of the agenda. The presenter shall give his/her name and address

and make the presentation as brief as possible. Unless an extension of time is granted, each speaker should be limited to 3 minutes.

2. Speakers may offer such objective criticisms of school operations and programs as concern them. But in public session, the Board will not hear concerns about the specific school personnel or any person connected with the school system. Other channels provide the Board consideration and disposition of such matters involving individuals.

3. The Board vests in its President or other presiding officer authority to terminate the remarks of any individual when they do not adhere to the rules established above.

7. **Curriculum/Governance/Personnel**—Melissa Mauro Duffy (Chair), Sarah Schultz, Suzanne Dundon, and Amy Buck Faundez

7a. **Approves Revision to the 2026-2027 School Calendar**

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approves revising the 2026-2027 School Calendar to show an early dismissal on October 31st in observance of Halloween.

Motion by_____

Seconded by_____

Roll Call Vote	EA	JB	ABF	CB	AC	SD	MMD	SS	AS

8. **Executive Session**

RESOLVED, that pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 and 10:4-13 the Chester Board of Education holds a closed session on August 5, 2026 at _____ p.m. to discuss HIB, personnel, negotiations 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_____

Seconded by_____

Roll Call Vote	EA	JB	ABF	CB	AC	SD	MMD	SS	AS

9. **Return to Public Session Time**_____

Motion by_____

Seconded by_____

Roll Call Vote	EA	JB	ABF	CB	AC	SD	MMD	SS	AS

10. **School Boards Training/Goal Setting** – Kathy Helewa

11. **Adjournment Time**_____

Motion by_____ Seconded by_____

Roll Call Vote	EA	JB	ABF	CB	AC	SD	MMD	SS	AS