

PREGULAR MEETING
August 11, 2026
Minutes

1. Call to Order

Sarah Schultz, Board President, called the meeting to order at **7:04 P.M.** at the Chester Board of Education Office, 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	Absent
Adam Colicchio	Yes	Quorum	Yes

4. Pledge of Allegiance

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

5. Executive Session

RESOLVED, that pursuant to NJS.A. 10:4-12 and 10:4-13 the Chester Board of Education held a closed session on **August 11, 2026 at 7:05 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 Carolyn Byszewski Seconded by John Barounis

Roll Call Vote	EA	JB	ABF	CB	AC	SD	MMD	SS	AS
8-0	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Absent

5a. Return to Public Session

Upon the motion of Erick Arostegui and seconded by Carolyn Byszewski, the Board returned to Public Session at 7:27 P.M.

Roll Call Vote	EA	JB	ABF	CB	AC	SD	MMD	SS	AS
8-0	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Absent

6. Presentations:

*Dr. Kochis presented the 2026-2027 District Goals from the Board Retreat meeting.
John Barounis asked to adjust Goal 1 to include balanced instruction.*

6a. Administration

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

6b. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Kochis thanked the summer staff for their hard work.

6c. Business Administrator's Report

Mr. Frascella spoke about the NJBSA Conference he attended and QSAC.

7. President's Comments

Sarah thanked everyone for their work during the summer, Patriots Week and schedules being released on the 20th of August.

8. Public Commentary

None

9. Approval of Minutes

9a. Approves Minutes from June 16, 2026

RESOLVED, that the Chester Board of Education approves the Regular meeting minutes of the meeting held on **June 16, 2026**.

9b. Approves Executive Meeting Minutes from June 16, 2026

RESOLVED, that the Chester Board of Education approves the Executive meeting minutes of the meeting held on **June 16, 2026**.

Motion by Carolyn Byszewski Seconded by Adam Colicchio

Roll Call Vote	EA	JB	ABF	CB	AC	SD	MMD	SS	AS
8-0	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Absent

10. Committee of the Whole– All.

10a. Approves Chester School District 2026-2027 Goals

Approved as amended to Goal 1 to include balanced instruction.

RESOLVED, that the Chester Board of Education approves the following 2026-2027 Chester School District goals:

1. Instruction, Curriculum, and Student Growth

- Goal Statement: Advance student achievement and growth by delivering rigorous, consistent, inclusive, and balanced instruction, supporting continuous professional development, and utilizing data-informed practices to prepare all learners for future success.

2. Culture, Leadership, Communication, and Community Engagement

- Goal Statement: Foster a collaborative school and community culture by empowering student and staff leadership, enhancing transparent communication, streamlining digital tools, and building meaningful partnerships across families, schools, and the broader community.

3. Sustainable Facilities, Operational Efficiency, and Fiscal Stewardship

- Goal Statement: Ensure long-term district sustainability and operational excellence by optimizing fiscal resources, upgrading physical facilities and outdoor spaces, streamlining administrative and HR workflows, and enhancing student services to support a safe, modern, and high-performing learning environment.

Motion by John Barounis

Seconded by Erick Arostegui

Roll Call Vote	EA	JB	ABF	CB	AC	SD	MMD	SS	AS
8-0	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Absent

11. **Buildings, Grounds, Transportation/Finance**– *Adam Colicchio (Chair), Adam Sorchini, Carolyn Byszewski, and John Barounis*
Adam Colicchio discussed summer projects, Board Agenda and budget challenges.

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	06/30/2026	\$255,239.59
Payroll	07/15/2026	\$152,124.41
Payroll	07/30/2026	\$212,114.42
Bills List	06/30/2026	\$87,632.38
Bills List	07/15/2026	\$773,732.00
Bills List	08/11/2026	\$1,452,675.96

- 11b. Approves Monthly Appropriation Transfers for May 2026**
RESOLVED, that the Chester Board of Education approves the following transfers within May the 2025-2026 budget for the months of **May 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 May 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 **May 2026**; a copy of which is available for public review in the Chester Board of Education Business Office.
- 11d. Approves Board Secretary Report for May 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 **May 2026**; a copy of which is available for public review in the Chester Board of Education Business Office.
- 11e. Approves Board Treasurer Report for May 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 **May 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 May 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 **May 2026** and that no major account or fund has been over-expended.
- 11g. Approves Renewal of School Physician Agreement with Dr. Thomas Porter**
RESOLVED, that the Chester Board of Education approves the renewal of School Physician agreement for 2026-2027 school year with Dr. Thomas Porter.
- 11h. Approves Bayada Nursing Service**
RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approves Bayada Nursing Services to provide a Substitute Nurse as needed for the 2026-2027 school year for 4 hours daily at \$75.00 per hour.
- 11i. Approves Commission for the Blind Services**
RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approves Level 1 Commission for the Blind Services. The cost for student #20879 is \$2,668.
- 11j. Approves Contract with Saint Clare's Behavioral Health**
RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approves the contract with Saint Clare's Behavioral Health to conduct

back-to-school evaluations at a rate of \$250.00 per evaluation for the 2026- 2027 school year.

11k. Approves Bus/Van Routes for the 2026-2027 School Year

RESOLVED, that the Chester Board of Education approves the following bus routes for the 2026-2027 school year, a copy of which is available for public review in the Chester Board of Education Business Office.

School	Contractor/BOE	Route Numbers
Black River Middle School	Roxbury BOE	BR01, BR02, BR03, BR05, BR08, BR10
Black River Middle School	Mendham BOE	BR04, BR06, BR07, BR09, BR11
Black River Middle School	Chester BOE	BRV7, BRV8
Bragg & Dickerson	Roxbury BOE	BD01, BD02, BD03, BD04, BD07, BD08
Bragg & Dickerson	Mendham BOE	BD05, BD06, BD09, BD10, BD11, BD12, BD13, BD14, BD15
Bragg & Dickerson	Chester BOE	BDV7, BDV8, BDV5

11l. 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
10/15 - 10/16 2026	Michele Tarnofsky 2026 NJPSA/FEA Fall Conference Atlantic City, NJ	\$450	\$118.10	\$568.10
11/2/26-11/3/26 12/9/26-12/11/26	Courtney Nealon, Jessica Tynam & Josephine Tracey Getting Started with HighScope	\$750 per person	Virtual	\$3,750.00

11m. Approves Out of District Placements for the 2026-2027 School Year

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approves the following out-of-district placements for the 2026 - 2027 school year.

Student #	Student Placement	Tuition Rate
20584	The Craig School	\$68,250 (+ \$9,430 additional services) = \$77,680

- 11n. Approves Provision of Occupational Therapy (OT) by PG Chambers**
RESOLVED, that the Chester Board of Education approves PG Chambers to provide Occupational Therapy (OT) services for 1 hour a week at \$88/30 min for student # 20584 for the 2026-2027 School not to exceed \$7,500.
- 11o. 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, 2026 to June 30, 2027.
- 11p. Approves Submission and Acceptance of the 2026-2027 IDEA Grant**
RESOLVED, that the Chester Board of Education approves the submission and acceptance of the 2026-2027 IDEA Grant in the following amounts:
- \$314,991- Basic
 - \$22,670- Preschool
 - Nonpublic Share- \$42,566
- 11q. Approves Submission and Acceptance of the 2026-2027 ESEA Grant**
RESOLVED, that the Chester Board of Education approves the submission and acceptance of the 2026-2027 ESEA Grant in the following amounts:
- \$27,352- Title 1-A
 - \$13,523- Title 2-A
 - \$6,246 – Title 3
 - \$10,000 – Title 4-A
- 11r. Approves the Resolution not to Apply for Title III for the 2026-2027 ESEA Grant**
Resolved, that the Chester Board of Education will not apply for Title III funds as allocated under the ESEA Consolidated Subgrant for the 2026-2027 School Year.
- 11s. Submission of Funding for New Jersey Inclusion Project Grant**
Resolved, the Chester Board of Education submits grant for the New Jersey Inclusion Project in the amount of \$13,300 for the 26-27 school year.
- 11t. Submission of Funding for Optimal Comprehensive Universal Screening (FOCUS) Grant**
RESOLVED, that the Chester Board of Education approves the submission of FOCUS Grant for NWEA MAP Growth in the amount of \$3,048 for the 26-27 school year.
- 11u. Capital Reserve Withdrawal**
That the Chester Board of Education, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-1 et seq., authorize the withdrawal of \$286,000 for the purpose of district wide projects.
- 11v. Approves School Lunch Price**
RESOLVED, that the Chester Board of Education approves the following prices for

school lunch program for the 2026-2027 school year:

Dickerson School and Bragg School Student Lunch Price	\$5.00
Black River Middle School Student Lunch Price	\$5.25
Chef Prepared Meals	\$7.25

11w. Approves Contract Renewal of NJSIG (July 1, 2026–June 30, 2027)

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;

11x. APPROVAL OF FIVE-YEAR COPIER LEASE AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT – UNITED BUSINESS SYSTEMS

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chester Board of Education hereby approves the award of a five (5) year copier lease and managed print services agreement with United Business Systems, Fairfield, New Jersey, for the lease, maintenance, and service of the District's copier fleet, effective July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2031.

11y. Approves Out of District Tuition Student (F.G.)

RESOLVED, that the Chester Board of Education accept out of district student F.G to attend the Chester School District for the 2026-2027 school year at an annual tuition fee of \$21,319.90.

Motioned by Carolyn Byszewski Seconded by Melissa Mauro Duffy

Roll Call Vote	EA	JB	ABF	CB	AC	SD	MMD	SS	AS
8-0	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Absent
7-1-1 (11m, 11n)	Yes	Yes	Abstain	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Absent

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

Melissa spoke about PodCast, Curriculum for grades 6-8, revisions to Science curriculum, Math pathways for BRMS and benchmark assessment.

12a. 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 2026-2027 school year with stipend as determined by Schedule “B” of the Agreement between The Chester Board of Education and The Chester Education Association.

12b. 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 (School Counselor)
- Sarah Southwick (School Psychologist)
- Melissa Scherzer (School Psychologist)
- Brandon Kornbluh (Social Worker)
- Michele Tarnofsky (Principal)
- Arnel Villalobos (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)

- Kelly Tompkins (Teacher)
- Christa Bedkowski (Teacher)
- Karen Andolina (School Counselor)
- Andrea DiFabrizo (School Counselor)
- Sarah Southwick (School Psychologist)
- Brandon Kornbluh (Social Worker)
- Arnel Villalobos (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 (School Counselor)
- Jenna Spence (School Counselor)
- Tim Morris (School Counselor)
- Melissa Scherzer (School Psychologist)
- Sarah Southwick (School Psychologist)
- Anne Pape (Nurse)
- Arnel Villalobos (Police Officer)
- Ron Totams (Police Officer)
- Brad Currie (School Safety Specialist)

- Will Kochis (Superintendent)
- Rich Celebre (Director of Special Services)

12c. Approves 2026 ESY Nurse (Getto)

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approves Kat Getto 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.

12d. Approves 2026-27 Professional Work (2026 - 2027 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 2026-2027 school year for 2 hours each at the contracted professional hourly rate of \$64.00.

Jennifer Christal	Marisa Ryan
Eileen Bennett	Alexis Carle
Sarah Southwick	Maryanne Vindici
Melissa Scherzer	Linda Blazier
Andrea Colicchio	Deb Androvette
Vivian Norman	Danette Lewis
Erika Sciancalepore	Nicole Rittenhouse
Brandon Kornbluh	Nicole Callahan
Josephine Tracey	Sarah Warren
Courtney Nealon	Ashley Wilhite
Jessica Twynam	Erika Rosamilia
Alison Heady-Mercurio	Lauren Marianino
Michelle Palomino	Danette Lewis
Rachel Fike	Brianna Amendola
Lisa Pela	Danielle Morrison
Denielle Saucedo	Theresa Collins
Kim Matus	Melissa Tuleya
John Christie	

12e. Approves Home Instruction Work for the 2026-27 School Year

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves all certificated instructional staff to provide home instruction at a rate of \$52 an

hour as determined by Schedule “B” of the Agreement between The Chester Board of Education and The Chester Education Association, as needed during the 2026-2027 school year.

12f. Approves Nurse Services (Ahmadi)

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, 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 2026-2027 school year.

12g. Accepts Resignation (Schwartz)

RESOLVED, that the Chester Board of Education accepts the resignation of BRMS Science teacher, Amy Schwartz, effective July 21, 2026.

12h. Approves Additional Professional Summer Work (Collins)

RESOLVED, that the Chester Board of Education approves Theresa Collins to complete additional professional summer work up to 10 hours at the professional hourly rate of \$64 from July 1, 2026 through August 31, 2026.

12i. Approves Paraprofessional (Katz)

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves Melissa Katz as a paraprofessional for the 2026-2027 school year at a salary of \$29,633+ \$1,500 Educational stipend pending the approval of the criminal history background check for school employees and compliance with NJ P.L.2018.

12j. Approves Teachers and Paraprofessionals as Substitute Bus Aides

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approves Chester School District teachers and paraprofessionals as substitute bus aides for the 2026-2027 school year to be paid according to Schedule B of the CEA contract. Substitute Bus Aides must complete the state-mandated Special Needs Training and Bus Safety Training prior to accepting substitute bus aide positions.

12k. Approves District-Wide Curriculum

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approves the following curriculum for the 2026-2027 school year:

Computer Science & Design Thinking	NJ Student Learning Standards	August 2025
Career Readiness, Life Literacies & Key Skills	NJ Student Learning Standards	August 2025
Science	NJ Student Learning Standards	August 2026

Social Studies	NJ Student Learning Standards	August 2025
Math	NJ Student Learning Standards	August 2025
World Languages	NJ Student Learning Standards	August 2025
Visual and Performing Arts: Dance, Music, Theatre and Visual	NJ Student Learning Standards	August 2026
English Language Arts	NJ Student Learning Standards	August 2025
Comprehensive Health & Physical Education	NJ Student Learning Standards	August 2025

12l. Approves Statement of Assurance Professional Development/Mentoring Plan

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approves the submission of the 2026-2027 Statement of Assurance Professional Development/Mentoring Plan and the following mentor for teachers.

12m. Approves Adoption of Danielson Model of Effective Teaching

RESOLVED, that pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:10, Educator Effectiveness, the Chester Board of Education approves the adoption of the Danielson Model of Effective Teaching as an evaluation tool in 2026-2027 for the Chester School District's faculty.

12n. Approves NJPEPL Process and Observation Instrument

RESOLVED, that the Chester Board of Education approves the New Jersey Principal Evaluation for Professional Learning (NJPEPL) Process and Observation Instrument as the Principal Evaluation Tool for the Chester School District for the 2026-2027 school year.

12o. Approves Designation of Patriot's Week

WHEREAS, On December 18, 2001, Public Law 107-89 of the 107th Congress with bipartisan approval proclaimed September 11 as Patriots Day to be observed every year to honor and remember those who sacrificed on that day in 2001.

WHEREAS, The Chester School Board, by establishing a week of remembrance, rather than a single day, allows a more in-depth education of the bravery, courage, selflessness and sacrifice made that day, that week, and the subsequent events and further sacrifice in the years following.

WHEREAS, Patriot's Week observance provides "A Day of Charity" giving students and educators time to engage in civic activities, acts of charity and selflessness in the name of those who perished on September 11.

WHEREAS, The Chester School District further commits its resources to ensure the education of September 11, 2001 during the week of September 8-11, 2026 and

throughout the year.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved, that the Chester School Board does PROCLAIM the week of September 8-11, 2026, PATRIOTS WEEK

12p. 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.

RESOLVED that the Chester Board of Education designates October 5-9, 2026 as "Week of Respect."

12q. 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 19-23, 2026 as a "School Violence Awareness Week."

12r. 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, 2026, 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.

12s. Approves 2026-2027 Student Services Team Leaders

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 \$1,175 each or \$587.50 if Split as per agreement with the Chester Education Association:

Dickerson Special Education - Lisa Pela
PreK - Courtney Nealon
MLL District - Denielle Saucedo
BRMS Special Education - Sarah Warren
Bragg Special Education - Maryanne Vindici & Linda Blazier (split)

12t. Approves 2026-2027 Dickerson Team Leaders

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approves the following staff members as Dickerson Team Leaders to be paid an annual stipend of \$1,175 each as per agreement with the Chester Education Association:

Kindergarten-Barbara Knowles
First Grade- Rebecca Gambuti
Second Grade-Kerri Mottola
Related Arts-Sue Connelly

12u. Approves BRMS Teacher (McDonald)

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approves Justin McDonald as BRMS Science teacher for the 2026-2027 school year at a salary of \$61,315 BA Step 3-4, pending approval of criminal history background check for school employees and compliance with NJ P.L.2018, c5.

Motion by Carolyn Byszewski

Seconded by Amy Buck Faudez

Roll Call Vote	EA	JB	ABF	CB	AC	SD	MMD	SS	AS
8-0 7-1-1 (12d)	Yes Yes	Yes Yes	Yes Yes	Yes Yes	Yes Abstain	Yes Yes	Yes Yes	Yes Yes	Absent Absent

- 13. Policy– Erick Arostegui(Chair), Adam Colicchio, John Barounis, and Melissa Mauro Duffy**
Erick discussed the policies and AI use in the district.

- 13a. Approves First Reading of Policy 3510-Operation and Maintenance of Plant**
 RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approves first reading of Policy 3510-Operation and Maintenance of plant.

Motion by John Barounis

Seconded by Amy Buck Faundez

Roll Call Vote	EA	JB	ABF	CB	AC	SD	MMD	SS	AS
8-0	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Absent

- 13b. Approves First Reading of Policy 3516-Safety**
 RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approves first reading of Policy 3516-Safety

Motion by Amy Buck Faundez Seconded by Melissa Mauro Duffy

Roll Call Vote	EA	JB	ABF	CB	AC	SD	MMD	SS	AS
8-0	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Absent

- 13c. Approves First Reading of Policy 6173-Home Instruction**
 RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approves first reading of Policy 6173-Home Instruction

Motion by John Barounis

Seconded by Amy Buck Faundez

Roll Call Vote	EA	JB	ABF	CB	AC	SD	MMD	SS	AS
8-0	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Absent

- 13d. Approves First Reading of Policy 5141-Health**
 RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approves first reading of Policy 5141-Health.

Motion by Erick Arostegui

Seconded by Carolyn Byszewski

Roll Call Vote	EA	JB	ABF	CB	AC	SD	MMD	SS	AS
8-0	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Absent

14. Committee of the Whole

15a. Approves Superintendent's Recommendation for HIB Case # 9

RESOLVED, that the Chester Board of Education approves the Superintendent's recommendation for HIB Case # 9

Motion by Carolyn Byszewski Seconded by Suzanne Dundon

Roll Call Vote	EA	JB	ABF	CB	AC	SD	MMD	SS	AS
8-0	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Absent

16. Unfinished Business

None

17. New Business

None

18. Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, upon the motion of Carolyn Byszewski and seconded by Amy Buck Faundez, the Board considered a motion to adjourn at 8:00 P.M.

Roll Call Vote	EA	JB	ABF	CB	AC	SD	MMD	SS	AS
8-0	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Absent

Respectfully Submitted,



Peter Frascella

Board Secretary