REGULAR MEETING
September 22, 2026
MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Sarah Schultz, Board President, called the meeting to order at **7:00 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	Yes
Adam Colicchio	Yes	**Quorum**	**Yes**

4. Pledge of Allegiance

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

4a 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 **September 22, 2026** at **7:02 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 Adam Sorchini

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

4b. Return to Public Session

*Upon the motion of **Carolyn Byszewski** and seconded by **Suzanne Dundon**, the Board returned to Public Session at **9:03 P.M.***

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

5. Committee of the Whole

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accepts the Superintendent of School's finding of HIB Case #8, the results which were first reported to the Board of Education by the Superintendent of Schools at the May 27, 2026 meeting. The Board of Education hereby directs the Superintendent of Schools to transmit a copy of the Board of Education's decision to the affected students' parents.

Motion by Carolyn Byszewski Seconded by Adam Sorchini

Roll Call Vote	EA	JB	ABF	CB	AC	SD	MMD	SS	AS
9-0	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
8-0-1	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Abstain	Yes	Yes	Yes

6. Presentations/Celebrations:

Brad Currie presented the 2025-2026 HIB Grades Self Assessment Report

7. Administration

Superintendent - Dr. William Kochis *thanked everyone for the great start to school. He discussed Patriots Week Events. Spoke about Back to School nights and discussed contracting with Drama Company*

Assistant Superintendent - Mr. Brad Currie *stated the Governor of the year nominations window is still open.*

Business Administrator/Board Secretary - Mr. Peter Frascella

7a. Superintendent's Report

None

7b. Business Administrator's Report

None

8. President's Comments

Sarah attended Back to School Night. The Math Pathways presentation and PTO Icecream Social were great. The 9/11 Author visit was a very good presentation.

9. Public Commentary

None

10. Approval of Minutes

10a. Approves Minutes from August 5, 2026 and August 11, 2026

RESOLVED, that the Chester Board of Education approves the Regular meeting minutes of the meeting held on **August 5, 2026 and August 11, 2026.**

10b. Approves Executive Meeting Minutes from August 5, 2026 and August 11, 2026
RESOLVED, that the Chester Board of Education approves the Executive meeting minutes of the meeting held on **August 5, 2026 and August 11, 2026.**

Motion by Erick Arostegui Seconded by Amy Buck Faundez

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

11. Buildings, Grounds, Transportation/Finance– *Adam Colicchio (Chair), Adam Sorchini, Carolyn Byszewski, and John Barounis*
Adam discussed current facilities projects, summer schedule and facility use.

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 08/14/2026	$223,989.78
Payroll 08/28/2026	$166,432.31
Payroll 09/11/2026	$592,481.66
Payroll 09/15/2026	$148,243.52
Bills List 08/20/2026	$682,575.00
Bills List 09/22/2026	$765,507.25
Bills List 09/22/2026	$1,677,275.23

11b. Approves Monthly Appropriation Transfers for June 2026 and July 2026
RESOLVED, that the Chester Board of Education approves the following transfers within May the 2025-2026 budget for the months of **June 2026 and July 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 June 2026 and July 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 **June 2026and July 2026** ; a copy of which is available for public review in the Chester Board of Education Business Office.

11d. Approves Board Secretary Report for June 2026 and July 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 **June 2026 and July 2026**; a copy of which is available for public review in the Chester Board of Education Business Office.

11e. Approves Board Treasurer Report for June 2026 and July 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 **June 2026 and July 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 June 2026 and July 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 **June 2026 and July 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
10/19 - 10/22/2026	Sarah Schultz	$2,400 Annual School Boards Convention Atlantic City NJ	$650	$950
10/19 - 10/22/2026	John Barounis		$650	$950
10/19 - 10/22/2026	Melissa Mauro-Duffy		$650	$950
10/19 - 10/22/2026	Carolyn Byszewski		$650	$950
10/19 - 10/22/2026	Amy Buck Faundez		$650	$950
10/19 - 10/22/2026	Dr. William Kochis		$650	$950
10/19 - 10/22/2026	Brad Currie		$650	$950
10/19 - 10/22/2026	Peter Frascella		$650	$950
10/14 - 10/16	**Richard Celebre**	$360	$292.84	$652.84

2026	NJPSA/FEA Conference Atlantic City, NJ			
10/15 - 10/16 2026	**Michele Tarnofsky** NJPSA/FEA Conference Atlantic City, NJ	$450	$108.10	$568.10
10/20/2026	**Sean McQueeney** AI & Writing Symposium Drew University, NJ	$40	$4.20	$44.20
11/9/2026	**Sara Kozlowski** Health Education Conference Lawrence Twp, NJ	$0	$38.73	$38.73
10/20/2026	**Millicent Roskie** AI & Writing Symposium Drew University, NJ	$40	$11.90	$51.90
10/28/2026	**Kelly Tompkins** **Erica David** **Dana Mazza** Better Differentiation & Less Prep Time Virtual	$275/person (group rate)	$0	$825
10/12/2026	**Brianna Amendola** Helping SLPs Recognize Orofacial Myofunctional Disorders in School-Age Children. Alamuchy, NJ	$125	$13.16	$138.16
10/21/2026	**Lauren Freund** Tier 2 Math Small Group Best Practices New Providence, NJ	$149	$9.87	$158.87

11h. Approves Out of District Placement 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 placement for the 2026 - 2027 school year.

Student #	Student Placement	Tuition Rate
21542	Celebrate the Children	$100,485 + $42,630 (1:1 Para Support) = $143,115

11i. Approves School Trips (BRMS)
RESOLVED, that the Chester Board of Education approves the following school trip for Black River Middle School:

Field Trip	Location	Grade/Group
America 250 Author Visit	Mendham Middle School	8th grade

11j. Approves School Trips (Dickerson)
RESOLVED, that the Chester Board of Education approves the following school trips for the **2026-2027** school year for Dickerson Elementary:

Field Trip-Destination	Location-City, State	Grade/Group
Ort Farm	Long Valley, NJ	Kindergarten

Motioned by John Barounis Seconded by Carolyn Byszewski

Roll Call Vote	EA	JB	ABF	CB	AC	SD	MMD	SS	AS
9-0 3-0-6 (11g.)	Yes Yes	Yes Abstain	Yes Abstain	Yes Abstain	Yes Abstain	Yes Yes	Yes Abstain	Yes Abstain	Yes Yes

12. Curriculum/Governance/Personnel–*Melissa Mauro Duffy (Chair), Sarah Schultz, Suzanne Dundon, and Amy Buck Faundez*
Will discussed the drama production, 3rd SRO coming soon. cursive writing in grades 3-5 and Benchmark Assessment.

12a. Rescinds BRMS Science Teacher (McDonald)
RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education rescinds Justin McDonald as BRMS Science teacher for the 2026-2027 school year at a salary of $59,855 BA Step 3-4.

12b. Approves BRMS Science Teacher (Ur)
RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approves Kristi Ur as BRMS Science teacher for the 2026-2027 school year at a salary of $67,820 MA Step 5-6, pending approval of criminal history background check for school employees and compliance with NJ P.L.2018, c5.

12c. Approves Drew University Students for Classroom Visits
RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approves the following Drew University students for classroom visitation under the supervision of Mrs. Colleen Cahill.

Caroline Danner
Sophie Kearney
Sarah Koblitz
Julianne Magistrado
Maria Marquez
Haley Meierhofer
Gianna Pica

12d. Approves TCNJ Student Teacher (Layfield)

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approves Margaret Layfield as student teacher for the 2026-2027 school year under the supervision of Bragg teacher Alison Pigott, pending approval of criminal history background check for school employees and compliance with NJ P.L.2018, c5.

12e. Approves Additional Professional Summer Work

RESOLVED, that the Chester Board of Education approves the following CST members to complete additional professional summer work up to 15 hours at the professional hourly rate of $64 from July 1, 2026 through August 31, 2026.

- Sarah Southwick
- Theresa Collins

12f. Approves Teacher for Translations (Capan)

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approves Gretchen Capan for translation services from English to Spanish for up to 10 hours per month for the 2026-2027 school year at the professional hourly rate of $64.00.

12g. Approves 2026 Horizontal Advancement on Salary Guide

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

Employee Name	Current Step/Education Level	Current Salary	Advanced Education Level	Advanced Salary
Allen, Laura	Step 7 MA	$68,320	Step 7 MA+15	$69,070
Bloemeke, Steven	Step 12-13 MA	$76,820	Step12-13 MA+15	$77,570
Johnson, Alexandra	Step 12-13 MA	$76,820	Step 12-13 MA+15	$77,570
Nealon, Courtney	Step 5-6 BA+30	$67,070	Step 5-6 MA	$67,820
Rosamilia, Erika	Step 22 MA+15	$98,150	Step 22 MA+30	$101,525
Seely, Brian	Step 21 MA	$94,160	Step 21 MA+15	$94,910

Smith, Jonathan	Step 3-4 BA	$61,135	Step 3-4 BA+15	$62,815
Tracey, Josephine	Step 2 BA	$60,915	Step 2 BA+15	$62,415

12h. Approves Sidebar Agreement (Vespignani)

WHEREAS, the Chester Board of Education ("Board") and the Chester Education Association ("Union") are parties to a collectively negotiated agreement in effect from 2026 to 2030; and

WHEREAS, the Board has a need for a member of the middle school teaching staff to teach an extra period totaling forty-two minutes of instructional time per day; and

WHEREAS, the Board and the Union are desirous of entering into this Sidebar Agreement to permit Kathleen Vespignani, or other individual as assigned by the district, to teach and additional period.

NOW THEREFORE for the 2026-2027 school year the parties agree as follows:

1. Kathleen Vespignani, or other individual assigned by the District, shall be permitted to teach an additional period totaling forty-two minutes per day. For the extra period of instructional time, the employee so assigned shall receive a stipend of $9,918.00

2. The Parties recognize that this Agreement is temporary in nature and shall expire when the Board provides notice to the union that it no longer desires to have Kathleen Vespignani teach an additional class period.

3. This agreement is subject to ratification by the Board of Education and the Union.

4. This agreement shall not be precedent setting in any way nor shall it be used in any other matter, grievance, or proceeding of any kind. This agreement is intended to apply only to the factual circumstances from which it arose and shall not have any precedential value.

12i. Approves Leave of Absence (Employee # 1367)

RESOLVED: that the Board of Education approves the following leave of absence for employee # 1367:

Leave(Start Date)	10/26/26
Accumulated Sick Days (Applied)	31
FMLA Start Date	11/02/26
NJFLA Start Date	01/04/27
Date of Return (Anticipated)	04/05/27

12j. Accepts Retirement (Agudelo)

RESOLVED: that the Board of Education accepts the retirement of Bragg school custodian Jose Agudelo effective February 28, 2027 with much gratitude for 4 years of service with the Chester School District.

12k. Approves Leave of Absence (Employee #1558)

RESOLVED: that the Board of Education approves the following leave of absence for employee # 1558:

Leave (Start Date)	01/04/2027
Accumulated Sick Days (Applied)	25
FMLA Start Date	01/04/2027
NJFLA Start Date	02/15/2027
Date of Return (Anticipated)	05/17/2027

12l. Approves 2026-2027 Dickerson Club Advisors

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approves the following staff members as Dickerson Club Advisors 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:

*PTO Funded

Club	School	Stipend	2026-2027 Advisor
Crazy 8's Math Club	Dickerson	$1,920.00	Valerie Lemp
Art Club Grade 1 (Stipend 1)	Dickerson	$1,920.00	Alyssa Stachura
Art Club Grade 2 (Stipend 1)	Dickerson	$1,920.00	Alyssa Stachura
Fitness Club (AM)	Dickerson	$1,920.00	Timothy Rain
Fitness Club (PM)	Dickerson	$1,920.00*	Timothy Rain
Mindfulness Club	Dickerson	$1,920.00*	Christine Donlon
Chess Club	Dickerson	$1,920.00	Salvatore Giordano
Music Theater	Dickerson	$3,375.00	Christina

(Stipend 1)			Monticciolo
Music Theater (Stipend 2)	Dickerson	$3,375.00	Katherine Strauss

12m. Approves 2026-2027 Bragg Club Advisors

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approves the following staff members as Bragg Club Advisors 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:

*PTO Funded

Club	School	Stipend	2026-2027 Advisor
4th Grade Chamber Choir	Bragg	$1,920.00	Pierre Lawrence
5th Grade Chamber Choir	Bragg	$1,920.00	Pierre Lawrence
Chester Band (Advanced)	Bragg	$1,920.00	Christopher Jala
Bulldog Band (Intermediate)	Bragg	$1,920.00	Christopher Jala
Homework Club (Stipend 1) Fall	Bragg	$1,920.00	Kelli Dolan
Homework Club (Stipend 2) Fall	Bragg	$1,920.00	Maryanne Vindici
Homework Club (Stipend 3) Fall	Bragg	$1,920.00	Gretchen Jacot
Homework Club (Stipend 1) Spring	Bragg	$1,920.00	Kelli Dolan
Homework Club (Stipend 2) Spring	Bragg	$1,920.00	Maryanne Vindici
Homework Club (Stipend 3) Spring	Bragg	$1,920.00	Gretchen Jacot
Environmental and School Beautification Team	Bragg	$1,920.00	Julie Flores
Technology Club (Stipend 1)	Bragg	$1,920.00	Jerry Castro
Technology Club (Stipend 2)	Bragg	$1,920.00	Jerry Castro

Chess Club	Bragg	$1,920.00	Nicole Polkowski
Running Club	Bragg	$960.00	Steve Bogart (0.5)
Running Club	Bragg	$960.00	Lauren Scarfo (0.5)
Minecraft Club (Stipend 1)	Bragg	$1,920.00*	Jerry Castro
Minecraft Club (Stipend 2)	Bragg	$1,920.00*	Jerry Castro
Yoga Club	Bragg	$1,920.00	Dana Militante
Leadership Council/ Safety Patrol	Bragg	$960.00	Karen Andolina (0.5)
Leadership Council/ Safety Patrol	Bragg	$960.00	Andrea DiFabrizio (0.5)
Performing Arts Club (Stipend 1)	Bragg	$3,375.00	Pierre Lawrence
Performing Arts Club (Stipend 2)	Bragg	$3,375.00	Linda Blazier
Trep$ (Stipend 1)	Bragg	$1,920.00	Gretchen Capan
Trep$ (Stipend 2)	Bragg	$1,920.00	Julia Nangle
Art Club	Bragg	$1,920.00	Lori Vilagos
Bragg Media Crew	Bragg	$1,920.00	Dani Haggerty
Literacy Blog/News Magazine	Bragg	$1,920.00	Christa Bedkowski
Crochet Club	Bragg	$1,920.00	Kelly Tompkins
Community Leaders Service Club	Bragg	$1,920.00	Christa Bedkowski
Leaders in Action Club	Bragg	$1,920.00	Andrea DiFabrizio
Makerspace Club	Bragg	$1,920.00*	Kelly Tompkins
Strategy Board Games	Bragg	$1,920.00	Kelly Tompkins

12n. Approves 2026-2027 BRMS Club Advisors

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approves the following staff members as BRMS Club Advisors 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:
*PTO Funded

Club	School	Stipend	2026-2027 Advisor
Board Games Club	BRMS	$1,920.00	Brandon Kornbluh
Chess Club	BRMS	$1,920.00	Michael Stagg
Crochet Club	BRMS	$1,920.00	Katie Gallagher
STEM Club	BRMS	$1,920.00*	Andy Gray
Digital Media Club	BRMS	$1,920.00	Maritza Ciottariello
Technology Club	BRMS	$1,920.00	Laura Garrison
Science Club	BRMS	$1,920.00	Christina Sarlo
Makerspace Club	BRMS	$1,920.00	Tricia Pohan
Meteorology Club	BRMS	$1,920.00	Michael Stagg
Abilities Awareness Club	BRMS	$1,920.00	Sarah Warren
Art Club	BRMS	$1,920.00	Sarah Smith
French Club	BRMS	$1,920.00	Micol Viscuso
Spanish Club	BRMS	$960.00	Kathleen Werner (0.5)
Spanish Club	BRMS	$960.00	Cinthia Rodriguez (0.5)
Project Impact (Gardening and Beautification)	BRMS	$1,920.00	Sarah Smith
Service Club	BRMS	$960.00	Kathleen Werner (0.5)
Service Club	BRMS	$960.00	Cinthia Rodriguez (0.5)
Leaders in Action Club	BRMS	$960.00	Ashley Wilhite (0.5)
Leaders in Action Club	BRMS	$960.00	Nicole Callahan (0.5)
Student Union	BRMS	$1,920.00	Kate Cecala

Honors Band (Fall)	BRMS	$1,920.00	Taylor Mandel
Honors Band (Spring)	BRMS	$1,920.00	Taylor Mandel
Jazz Ensemble (Fall)	BRMS	$1,920.00	Taylor Mandel
Jazz Ensemble (Spring)	BRMS	$1,920.00	Taylor Mandel
Variety Show Coordinator (Stipend 1)	BRMS	$1,920.00	Kathy Vespignani
Variety Show Coordinator (Stipend 2)	BRMS	$1,920.00	Dana Mazza
Scene Study and the Stage Club	BRMS	$1,920.00*	Kathy Vespignani
Pickleball Club	BRMS	$1,920.00	Chris Duffy
Ski/Snowboard Club (Stipend 1)	BRMS	$2,601.00	Tricia Pohan
Ski/Snowboard Club (Stipend 2)	BRMS	$2,601.00	Theresa Meiehofer
Volleyball Club (Stipend 1)	BRMS	$1,920.00	Christina Sarlo
Volleyball Club (Stipend 2)	BRMS	$1,920.00	Dana Mazza
Flag Football Club (Stipend 1)	BRMS	$1,920.00*	Tim Morris
Flag Football Club (Stipend 2)	BRMS	$1,920.00*	Arnel Villalobos

12o. Approves 2026-2027 Staff for Extra Curricular Activities

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approves the following staff members for extra curricular activities 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:

Position	School	Stipend	2026-2027 Advisor
Yearbook Production -	Dickerson	$1,920.00	Erica David

Dickerson			
Yearbook Production - Bragg	Bragg	$1,920.00	Christa Bedkowski
Yearbook Production - BRMS	BRMS	$1,920.00	Cinthia Rodriguez
Preschool Paraprofessional Diapering	Dickerson	$200.00	Melissa Katz
Preschool Paraprofessional Diapering	Dickerson	$200.00	Deb Korczukowski
Preschool Paraprofessional Diapering	Dickerson	$200.00	Maria Jorgensen
Preschool Paraprofessional Diapering	Dickerson	$200.00	Jill Cohen
Chester Library Liaison	BRMS	$932.00	Elizabeth McGookin
8th Grade Trip Nurse	BRMS	$1,920.00	Anne Pape
8th Grade Trip Coordinator	BRMS	$1,920.00	Sean McQueeney
8th Grade Trip Chaperone	BRMS	$306.00	Cat Mcpherson
8th Grade Trip Chaperone	BRMS	$306.00	Cinthia Rodriguez
8th Grade Trip Chaperone	BRMS	$306.00	Millicent Roskie
8th Grade Trip Chaperone	BRMS	$306.00	Krista Maico
8th Grade Trip Chaperone	BRMS	$306.00	Micol Viscuso
8th Grade Trip Chaperone	BRMS	$306.00	Chris Duffy
8th Grade Trip Chaperone	BRMS	$306.00	Tim Morris
8th Grade Trip Chaperone	BRMS	$306.00	Melissa D'Auria
8th Grade Trip Chaperone	BRMS	$306.00	Sean McQueeney
8th Grade Trip Chaperone	BRMS	$306.00	Andrew White
8th Grade Trip Chaperone	BRMS	$306.00	Rebecca Tsihlas

12p. Approves 2026-2027 BRMS Fall Sports Coaches

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approves the following staff members as BRMS Fall Sports Coaches 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:

Sport	Role	2026-2027 Appointment	2026-2027 Longevity	Stipend	2026-2027 Longevity Pay	2026-2027 Total Stipend
Field Hockey	Head Coach	Melissa D'Auria	4	$3,375	$516.00	$3,891
Field Hockey	Assistant Coach	Cat McPherson	NA	$2,933	NA	$2,933
Cross-Country	Head Coach	Krista Maico	2	$3,375	NA	$3,375
Cross-Country	Assistant Coach	Milli Roskie	NA	$2,933	NA	$2,933
Girls Soccer	Head Coach	Kathy Vespignani	3	$3,375	NA	$3,375
Girls Soccer	Assistant Coach	Laura Garrison	NA	$2,933	NA	$2,933
Boys Soccer	Head Coach	Taryn Mansolino	1	$3,375	$0	$3,375
Boys Soccer	Assistant Coach	Andy Gray	NA	$2,933	NA	$2,933

12q. Approves 2026-2027 Team Leaders

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approves the following staff members as Team Leaders 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:

School	Grade/Subject	Stipend	2026-2027 Team Leader
Dickerson	Grade K	$1,175.00	Barbara Knowles

Dickerson	Grade 1	$1,175.00	Rebecca Gambuti
Dickerson	Grade 2	$1,175.00	Kerri Mottola
Dickerson	Related Arts	$1,175.00	Susan Connelly
Dickerson	Special Education	$1,175.00	Lisa Pela
Dickerson	Preschool	$1,175.00	Courtney Nealon
Bragg	Grade 3	$587.50	Kelli Dolan (0.5)
Bragg	Grade 3	$587.50	Lauren Scarfo (0.5)
Bragg	Grade 4	$587.50	Dana Militante (0.5)
Bragg	Grade 4	$587.50	Gretchen Jacot (0.5)
Bragg	Grade 5	$587.50	Julie Flores (0.5)
Bragg	Grade 5	$587.50	Nicole Hey (0.5)
Bragg	Related Arts	$1,175.00	Lori Vilagos
District	Multilingual	$1,175.00	Denielle Saucedo
Bragg	Special Education	$587.50	Maryanne Vindici (0.5)
Bragg	Special Education	$587.50	Linda Blazier (0.5)
BRMS	Grade 6	$1,175.00	Cat McPherson
BRMS	Grade 7	$1,175.00	Kevin Cullen
BRMS	Grade 8	$1,175.00	Krista Maico
BRMS	Related Arts	$1,175.00	Kathy Vespignani
BRMS	Special Education	$587.50	Erika Rosamilia (0.5)
BRMS	Special Education	$587.50	Sarah Warren (0.5)

12r. Approves 2026-2027 Academic Program Coordinators

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approves the following staff members as Academic Program Coordinators 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:

Title	School	Stipend	Academic Program Coordinator
Testing Coordinator	BRMS	$1,920.00	Tim Morris
Testing Coordinator	Bragg	$1,920.00	Karen Andolina
Advisory Coordinator (1-2)	BRMS	$1,280.00	Milli Roskie (0.3)
Advisory Coordinator (1-2)	BRMS	$1,280.00	Ashley Wilhite (0.3)
Advisory Coordinator (1-2)	BRMS	$1,280.00	Tim Morris (0.3)
Gifted and Talented Coordinator	District	$1,920.00	Kelly Tompkins

12s. Approves Staff for 2026-2027 Science Fair

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approves the following staff members for the 2026-2027 Science Fair with stipend as determined by Schedule "B" of the Agreement between The Chester Board of Education and The Chester Education Association:

Role	Hours	Rate	Stipend	2026-2027 Appointment
Science Fair Director	NA	NA	$3,296.00	Jennier Christal
Science Fair Coordinator (Elementary)	NA	NA	$1,152.00	Katherine Strauss
Science Fair Coordinator (Elementary)	NA	NA	$1,152.00	Alison Pigott
Science Fair Coordinator (Middle)	NA	NA	$1,152.00	Brianna Amendola
Nurse (prof work)	6	$64.00	$384.00	Katarzyna Getto
STEM Activities (prof work)	8	$64.00	$512.00	Andy Gray
Technology (prof work)	20	$75.00	$1,500.00	Kathryn Lickwinko Nieves
IT (extra pay)	10	$50.00	$500.00	Altiero, Mark

IT (extra pay)	10	$50.00	$500.00	Leone, Ryan
IT (extra pay)	10	$50.00	$500.00	Machusky, John

12t. Approves Leave Replacement Teacher (Klause)

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approves Sara Klause as Leave Replacement teacher for the 2026-2027 year effective October 20, 2026 thru anticipated date of April 4, 2027 at a salary of $67,235 MA Step 1 (prorated) 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 Faundez

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

13. Policy– *Erick Arostegui(Chair), Adam Colicchio, John Barounis, and Melissa Mauro Duffy*

Erick discussed current Policies as well as Suicide Awareness Month.
John thanked Erick for all his hard work on the Board of Education.

13a. Approves Second Reading and Adoption of Policy 3510-Operation and Maintenance of Plant

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approves second reading and adoption of Policy 3510-Operation and Maintenance of Plant

Motion by Carolyn Byszewski Seconded by Adam Colicchio

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

13b. Approves Second Reading and Adoption of Policy 3516-Safety

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approves second reading and adoption of Policy 3516-Safety

Motion by Amy Buck Faundez Seconded by Adam Colicchio

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

13c. Approves Second Reading and Adoption of Policy 6173-Home Instruction
RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approves second reading and adoption of Policy 6173-Home Instruction

Motion by Melissa Mauro Duffy Seconded by Suzanne Dundon

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

13d. Approves Second Reading and Adoption of Policy 5141-Health
RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approves second reading and adoption of Policy 5141-Health.

Motion by Amy Buck Faundez Seconded by Carolyn Byszewski

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

14. Committee of the Whole
None

15. Unfinished Business
None

16. New Business
None

17. Adjournment
There being no further business to discuss, upon the motion of ***Amy Buck Faundez*** *and seconded by* ***Suzanne Dundon,*** *the Board considered a motion to adjourn at* ***9:30 P.M.***

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Peter Frascella

Board Secretary