REGULAR MEETING
November 17, 2026
AGENDA

A regular meeting of the Chester Board of Education will be held on ***November 17, 2026*** *at* ***7:00*** *p.m. in the Chester Borough Courtroom, 50 North Road, Chester, NJ, 07930*

1. Call to Order Time _____

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 has been 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. Presentations/Celebrations
- Spring 2026 - NJSLA/DLM/ACCESS Results - Mr. Brad Currie

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

6a. Superintendent's Report

6b. Business Administrator's Report

7. President's Comments

8. 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 with 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.*

9. Approval of Minutes

9a. Approves Minutes from October 27, 2026
RESOLVED, that the Chester Board of Education approves the Regular meeting minutes of the meeting held on **October 27, 2026.**

9b. Approves Executive Meeting Minutes from October 27, 2026
RESOLVED, that the Chester Board of Education approves the Executive meeting minutes of the meeting held on **October 27, 2026 .**

Motion by_____ Seconded by_____

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

10. Committee of the Whole– *All.*
None

11. Buildings, Grounds, Transportation/Finance– *Adam Colicchio (Chair), Adam Sorchini, Carolyn Byszewski, and John Barounis*

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	10/30/2026	$745,098.35
Payroll	11/13/2026	$746,783.25
Bills List		$727,932.72

11b. Approves Monthly Appropriation Transfers for October 2026
RESOLVED, that the Chester Board of Education approves the following transfers within the 2026-2027 budget for the month of **October 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 October 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 **October 2026** ; a copy of which is available for public review in the Chester Board of Education Business Office.

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

11e. Approves Board Treasurer Report for October 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 **October 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 October 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 **October 2026** and that no major account or fund has been over-expended.

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

Field Trip-Destination	Location-City, State	Grade/Group
Sterling Hill Mines Museum	Ogdensburg, NJ	Grade 4

11h. Approves Bergen County Special Services
RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves Bergen County Special Services for Assistive Technology services during the 2026-2027 school year not to exceed $15,000

Motioned by_____ Seconded by_____

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

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

12a. Approves Substitute Bus Nurse (Getto)

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approves Kat Getto as substitute bus nurse for the 2026-2027 school year to be paid $77/hr.

12b. Approves Fairleigh Dickinson University Student Field Experience (Lam)

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approves Fairleigh Dickinson University student Lara Lam to complete field experience under the supervision of Mrs. Jennifer Christal.

12c. Approves TCNJ Student Classroom Observation (Rolli)

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approves TCNJ student Giuliana Rolli to complete classroom observation hours under the supervision of Mrs. Nicole Healy.

12d. Approves Mendham High School Student Volunteers

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approves the following Mendham High School students to volunteer with the Fitness Club at Dickerson school under the supervision of Mr. Tim Rain.

Collin Pajunas
Billy Schwartz
Hunter Relton
Colton Weyers

12e. Approves 2026-2027 Revised Bragg Club Advisors (Trep$)

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approves the following revised 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:

Trep$ (Stipend 1)	Bragg	$2,880 (1.5)	Gretchen Capan
Trep$ (Stipend 2)	Bragg	$960 (.5)	Christa Bedkowski

12f. Approves 2026-2027 BRMS Ski Club Parent Chaperones

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approves the following Chester school district parents to chaperone for the 2026-27 BRMS Ski Club.

Rafi Sheikh	Philip Oliveira
Saleem Khan	Blair Holland
Michael Haight	Nick David
Mark Broek	Nicholas Vytell
Jeff Strickland	Karen Prignano
Kelly Ross	Matt Wilk
Jake Ross	Natalia McTighe

12g. Approves 2026-2027 BRMS Ski Club Chaperone (Marianino)

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approves Lauren Marianino as 2026-27 Ski Club chaperone to be paid a stipend as determined by Schedule "B" of the Agreement between The Chester Board of Education and The Chester Education Association.

12h. Approves 2026-2027 BRMS Girls Basketball Head Coach (Morgan)

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approves Nicole Morgan as 2026-27 BRMS Girls Basketball Head Coach to be paid a stipend as determined by Schedule "B" of the Agreement between The Chester Board of Education and The Chester Education Association.

12i. Approves 2026-2027 BRMS Girls Basketball Assistant Coach (Pape)

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approves Robert Pape as 2026-27 BRMS Girls Basketball Assistant Coach to be paid a stipend as determined by Schedule "B" of the Agreement between The Chester Board of Education and The Chester Education Association pending approval of criminal history background check for school employees and compliance with NJ P.L.2018, c5.

Motion by_____ Seconded by_____

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

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

13a. Approves Second Reading and Adoption of Policy 3542.31-Free or Reduced Price Lunches/Milk

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approves second reading and adoption of Policy 3542.31-Free or Reduced Price Lunches/Milk.

Motion by_____ Seconded by_____

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

13b. Approves Second Reading and Adoption of Policy 6140-Curriculum Adoption
RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approves second reading and adoption of Policy 6140-Curriculum Adoption.

Motion by_____ Seconded by_____

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

13c. Approves Second Reading and Adoption of Policy 2224-Nondiscrimination/ Affirmative Action
RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Board of Education approves second reading and adoption of Policy 2224-Nondiscrimination/ Affirmative Action.

Motion by_____ Seconded by_____

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

14. Executive Session
RESOLVED, pursuant to NJS.A. 10:4-12 and 10:4-13 the Chester Board of Education will hold a closed session on **November 17, 2026** at **____ 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_____ Seconded by_____

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

15. Return to Public Session Time _____

Motion by_____ Seconded by_____

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

16. Committee of the Whole
None

17. Unfinished Business

18. New Business

19. Adjournment Time_____

Motion by_____ Seconded by_____

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