

**REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION, SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CHATHAMS
MONDAY, APRIL 3, 2017**

MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Board of Education was held this day in the Chatham Township Municipal Building Courtroom located at 58 Meyersville Road, Chatham, NJ.

I. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:32 PM by the Board President, Jill Weber.

II. OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT: Ms. Weber read the following statement:

In accordance with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act, I wish to announce that the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to insure the right of the public to have advance notice and to attend the meetings of the Public bodies at which any business affecting their interest is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the provisions of this act the School District of the Chathams Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time and place thereof posted in the Board Administrative Office, sent to the Clerks of Chatham Borough and Chatham Township, the Library of the Chathams, the Chatham Courier, the Daily Record, and the Star Ledger.

III. ROLL CALL

Present: Sal Arnuk, Ann Ciccarelli, Michelle Clark, Richard Connors, Kim Cronin (arrived at 7:38 PM), Lata Kenney, Michael Valenti, and Jill Critchley Weber

Absent: Matthew Gilfillan was absent.

Also Present: Dr. Michael LaSusa, Superintendent; Mr. Peter Daquila, Business Administrator/Board Secretary; Ms. Karen Chase, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum & Instruction; Ms. Beth Grant, Human Resources Manager, and approximately forty-seven (47) members of the public and press.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Ms. Weber led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

V. BOARD PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

- Ms. Weber thanked all in attendance and noted she felt a majority of attendees were at the meeting due to the recent legal issues and comments regarding the curriculum. Once again, she corrected the false statements that are being repeatedly made and in accordance with the New Jersey curriculum standards, the curriculum will not be changed. She asked everyone to watch the video of the March 6, 2017 meeting for curriculum clarification

VI. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

A. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Dr. LaSusa congratulated the entire Chatham High School staff and crew on the Addams Family production.

- Dr. LaSusa reported that enrollment for Kindergarten and first grade is currently the same as last year. Southern Boulevard School continues to increase and Washington Avenue School and Milton Avenue School enrollment continues to decline. Some classes may be moved from Southern Boulevard School to either Milton Avenue School or Washington Avenue School.
- Ms. Weber added that Chatham Township has reported in 2001 there were 15 tear downs and in 2016 there were over 50 tear downs, which is impacting the enrollment in the township.

B. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- Mr. Daquila reported that the referendum projects were discussed during the Finance Committee meeting earlier this evening; the update will be reported in the Finance Committee report.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Personnel – Ms. Ciccarelli reported that the next meeting is being scheduled.

B. Curriculum – Ms. Clark reported that the next meeting is May 17.

C. Finance/Facilities – Mr. Arnuk reported that the committee met this evening. The central office staff building plans are being fine-tuned. Bids were received on three of the referendum projects. Cougar Phase 1 bleacher replacement and Chatham Middle School interior alterations around the auditorium are being awarded tonight. The contract for the roofs will be awarded on May 1. The budget has been adjusted to 2.8% but due to recent legal and security costs the budget may be increased up to 2.95%. This will be determined and finalized by May 1, 2017.

Mr. Connors noted he believes it is prudent to anticipate these unforeseen expenses.

D. Policy and Planning – Mr. Connors reported that the next meeting is scheduled for May 1, 2017.

Liaisons

Chatham Borough – Mr. Connors had nothing to report.

Chatham Township – Ms. Clark had nothing to report.

Athletic Boosters – Mr. Connors reported that the next meeting is tomorrow night. He noted that the community supports the Boosters, as they support every district sport.

Music & Theatre Boosters – Mr. Arnuk gave the following report:

- **Chatham Voices** enjoyed the opportunity to engage in a “video chat” via smartboard with composer Rosephanye (ro-SEF-fuh-knee) Powell on March 30th. Dr. Powell is a professor of voice Studies at Auburn University and has been hailed as one of America’s premier women composers of choral music. The choir has been studying and performing some of Dr. Powell’s music this year.
- Congratulations to the cast, crew, and production team of **The Addams Family**, who gave OUTSTANDING performances during the run of the show! The CHS Theater and Music Departments thank the community for their support of this year’s production.
- On Saturday, April 8th, CHS trombonist **Sean McCarty** will perform with the 2017 All-Eastern Band in Atlantic City at the All-Eastern Conference of the National Association for Music Education.
- On April 20th, the annual **CMS Jazz in the Middle** adjudication/festival for middle school jazz bands hosted by Ms. Spriggs and the CMS Jazz Ensemble will take place in the CMS auditorium.
- The **Chatham Performing Arts Boosters** invites new members to support the Performing Arts throughout our district schools. Their next meeting will be Wednesday, April 5th at 7pm in the Lafayette Faculty room.

- **Coming up: Concert season will begin April 19th!**

With our auditorium construction beginning a little later than originally anticipated, April performances will be held in the CHS auditorium.

April 19th - **CHS Honors recital** in the CHS auditorium, 7pm.

April 26th - **CHS Band concert** in the CHS auditorium, 7:30pm.

Chatham Education Foundation – Ms. Kenney reported that “Casino Royale” is April 28 and the major fund raising event of the year.

Recreation – No report available.

PTO District Cabinet – Ms. Cronin reported that the committee will meet on April 5.

VIII. MINUTES

The December 19, 2016 minutes for both the public and private sessions were not moved. There was not a quorum of board members at the meeting to approve these minutes.

Ms. Weber moved the following:

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education approves the minutes from the following meeting(s):

- March 20, 2017 – public and private sessions

The motion was seconded by Ms. Connors and approved 7-0-1 on a roll call vote (Ms. Cronin abstained).

IX. PUBLIC COMMENTARY

- Stacey Ewald thanked the Board and Dr. LaSusa for the March 6, 2017 presentation on curriculum. She has personally viewed the video in question and feels there is no violation of first amendment rights. She fully supports the district and the curriculum.
- Irene Britt complimented the Board for the quality of the education and curriculum. She said she is happy to pay taxes for a great school system and fully supports the budget.
- Julia Contorno, a Chatham High School student, wanted to let the Board know that the students fully support the Board and are appreciative of all the work they put into the district. She is proud to be from Chatham. She believes the curriculum is fantastic and has her well prepared for college. She especially appreciates the arts.
- Stewart Carr asked for the Board’s reaction to public law 2016 Chapter 17. He applauds the arts and appreciates all the efforts and great work being done. He asked the difference between STEM and STEAM regarding funding. He asked if the Great Swamp is being fully utilized as a learning tool and resource for the curriculum and/or extracurricular activities. He asked if online courses could be used for instruction and to possibly increase education and better utilize funds. He asked about the special services building at a cost of \$2.1 million and if appropriate evaluation of the resources has been done. He wants to verify that the money is being appropriately spent. He stated that even if the tax rate isn’t being raised for the building, the amount of \$2.1 million is tax payer money. He believes there should be more public discussion on the new building to verify the best use of funds.
- Jane Devlin asked again for no homework to be assigned for the upcoming school break. She extends her support for the curriculum, especially the Chatham Middle School 7th grade curriculum. She is concerned about the staffing cuts at the K-3 Media Center and asked for lists of specific cuts being made in the budget. She supports the building of the new central services building and noted that professional space is needed. She feels that current and future space needs should be addressed.
- Minati O’Connell thanked the administration for the curriculum and all the work being done. As a parent of a 6th grader she does not feel comfortable with the continuing hostility.
- Dr. LaSusa noted that police have been utilized for student safety. He does not believe that the students are at any risk and the district will always do everything to keep every student safe.

- Mr. Valenti noted that the district will always put student and staff safety as a top priority.
- Dr. LaSusa indicated that everything possible is being done to keep the students and staff safe.
- Molly Cassak, a Chatham High School student, indicated there is overwhelming student support for the Board and the curriculum. She is upset by comments made by the law firm representing the two borough parents and feels that the comments are upsetting to everyone. She feels that it is okay to report on the good and bad aspects of people.
- Ursula von Rydingsvard, a Chatham Township resident, shared that after listening to the students she is impressed by their knowledge and noted how well-spoken they are. As a parent of a 6th grader, she is concerned about the safety of the students.
- Ms. Weber and Mr. Valenti noted that the police departments are investigating all aspects of the threats and all appropriate measures are being taken to ensure the safety of the students and the staff. All concerns are being addressed.
- Ms. Clark indicated that due to safety reasons, all items cannot be reported to the public.
- Mr. Connors suggested that a sub-committee on security be created and volunteered Mr. Valenti and himself.
- Dr. LaSusa reported that the district is very safety oriented and since the Sandy Hook incident, the district has made improvements and continues to improve security aspects.
- Ms. Ciccarelli noted that Mariel Kolker has received a prestigious engineering award for her hard work as a high school educator.

X. ACTION ITEMS

A. PERSONNEL

On a motion by Ms. Ciccarelli, seconded by Mr. Connors, the consent agenda items A.1 – A.12 were approved by an 8-0 roll call vote.

Dr. LaSusa congratulated Marybeth Gigiel on her retirement.

1. (308-16/17) Acceptance: Retirement

RESOLVED: Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education accepts the retirement of the following staff member:

Name	Location/Position	Effective Date
Gigiel, Marybeth	CHS/Teacher	07/01/2017

2. (309-16/17) Acceptance: Resignation

RESOLVED: Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education accepts the resignation of the following staff member:

Name	Position	Effective Date
Sheeran, Denis	Supervisor of Mathematics	07/01/2017

3. (310-16/17) Approval: Contract - Leave Replacement Teacher

RESOLVED: Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following Leave Replacement Teacher for the 2016/2017 school year:

Name	Position	Location	Column/Step	Salary	Effective Date	Termination Date	Notes
Swartz, Craig	Teacher of Social Studies	CHS	N/A	\$281.45 per diem	05/18/2017	06/23/2017	Approval includes up to three transition days payable at \$100 per diem.

4. (311-16/17) Amendment: Contract - Leave Replacement Teacher

RESOLVED: Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education amends the contract for the following Leave Replacement Teacher for the 2016/2017 school year:

Name	Position	Location	Column/Step	Salary	Effective Date	Termination Date	Notes
Becker, Brittany	Teacher of Elementary	LAF	BA/2	\$56,289	09/01/2016	06/30/2017	Supersedes action on 12/05/2016 to amend end date.

5. (312-16/17) Approval: Use of Accumulated Family Illness Days

RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the *Use of Accumulated Family Illness Days*, as listed below:

Employee #	Dates	Total Number of Days	Notes
ID# 906	See Notes	67	12/12/2016 - 02/13/2017 paid leave; 02/14/2017 - 03/31/2017 FMLA
ID# 8265	N/A	10	As needed during the 2016-2017 school year.

6. (313-16/17) Approval: Maternity Leave of Absence

RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following *Maternity Leaves of Absence*:

Employee #	Leave Start Date	Accumulated Sick Days Applied	FMLA Start Date <i>(unpaid with benefits)</i>	NJFLA Start Date <i>(unpaid with benefits)</i>	Extended Leave Start Date <i>(unpaid without benefits)</i>	Date of Return <i>(Anticipated)</i>	Notes
ID# 10235	09/01/2017	24	10/07/2017	10/07/2017	N/A	01/09/2018	
ID# 744	09/01/2017	20	10/03/2017	10/03/2017	01/02/2018	09/01/2018	

7. (314-16/17) Approval: Unpaid Absences

RESOLVED: Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following unpaid absences during the 2016/2017 school year:

Name	Position	Location	Number of Requested Unpaid Days	Start Date	End Date	Notes
Joyce, Marian	Paraprofessional	CMS	1	04/03/2017	04/03/2017	
Timpanaro, Margaret	Secretary	LAS	.5	06/23/2017	06/23/2017	
Gangaware, Denise	Teacher	WAS	1	05/25/2017	05/25/2017	
Sullivan, Margaret	Paraprofessional	WAS	1	06/16/2017	06/16/2017	
Peters, Cecilia	Paraprofessional	CMS	4	05/03/2017	05/31/2017	To be used intermittently during May 2017
Cruz, Emilee	Paraprofessional	SBS	5	04/28, 5/19, 5/26, 6/20 & 6/23/2017	N/A	

8. (315-16/17) Approval: Contracts - Paraprofessionals

RESOLVED: Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the contract for Paraprofessional Staff for the 2016/2017 school year as per the agreement between the School District of the Chathams and the Chatham Education Association (CEA).

Name	Position	Location	Salary	Effective Date	Termination Date	Notes
Ziegler, Marisol	Paraprofessional	SBS	\$17.47/hourly	04/17/2017	06/30/2017	

9. (316-16/17) Amendment: Contract - Paraprofessional

RESOLVED: Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education amends the contract for Paraprofessional Staff for the 2016/2017 school year as per the agreement between the School District of the Chathams and the Chatham Education Association (CEA).

Name	Position	Location	Salary	Effective Date	Termination Date	Notes
Cruz, Emilee	Paraprofessional	SBS	\$17.47/hourly	03/29/2017	06/30/2017	Supersedes action on 3/20/17 to include a start date.

10. (317-16/17) Approval: District Substitutes

RESOLVED: Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following substitutes for the 2016/2017 school year:

Teacher	Para	Clerical	Nurse	Last Name	First Name
x	x	x		Marriott,	Deborah
x	x	x		Brummer	Anne

11. (318-16/17) Approval: Coaching Staff

RESOLVED: Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following coaching personnel for the 2016/2017 school year:

Name	Season	Sport	Assignment	Ratio	Salary	Notes
Marriott, Deborah	Spring	Lacrosse	Volunteer	N/A	N/A	

12. (319-16/17) Approval: Travel

WHEREAS: In accordance with the State of New Jersey School District Accountability Act (A-5) and the School District of the Chatham’s *Policy 6471 - School District Travel*, travel by school district employees and Board of Education members must be approved in advance; now **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:** Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following expenses for faculty, staff, administrators, and board members for seminars, conferences and workshops. The expense includes travel costs, if applicable:

Month	Day	Year	First	Last	Position	Vendor	Purpose	Location	Cost
May	10	2017	John	Cataldo	Supervisor Buildings & Grounds	Fred Pryor Seminars	Workplace Safety & OSHA Compliance	Parsippany, NJ	\$179
May	10	2017	Gasper	Major	Asst. Supervisor Buildings & Grounds	Fred Pryor Seminars	Workplace Safety & OSHA Compliance	Parsippany, NJ	\$189
May	22	2017	Mark	Maka	School Counselor	NJ Association for College Admissions	2017 Annual Conference	Long Branch, NJ	\$185
May	22	2017	Megan	Beatty	College & Career Assistant	NJ Association for College Admissions	2017 Annual Conference	Long Branch, NJ	\$185
June	19-23	2017	Julie	Camp	CHS Social Studies Teacher	College Board	AP Capstone Summer PD Workshop	Arlington, TX	\$2,936
Oct	27	2017	Kathleen	O’Connor	Director of Elementary Education	Rutgers University	Literacy Conference	New Brunswick, NJ	\$200

B. FINANCE/FACILITIES

On a motion by Mr. Arnuk, seconded by Ms. Cronin, the consent agenda items B.1 – B.16 (B.14 – B.16 were added by addendum) were approved by an 8-0 roll call vote.

Mr. Arnuk thanked all the donors on this evening’s agenda: Chatham High School PTO, Chatham High School Sailing Club, Society for Science & the Public and Regeneration, and Southern Boulevard School PTO.

1. (265-16/17) Approval: Payments - Bills List

RESOLVED: Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following payments: (Attachment B.1)

Description	Totals
Bills List - April 3, 2017	\$1,292,826.55
TOTAL:	\$1,292,826.55

2. *(266-16/17) Approval: CHS Honor Society Club Carnival*
RESOLVED: Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the Chatham High School Honor Society Club Carnival on May 13, 2017 (rain date of May 14, 2017) as a school sponsored event, to be covered under district insurance.
3. *(267-16/17) Acceptance: CHS PTO Donation*
RESOLVED: Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves a donation from the Chatham High School PTO in the amount of \$56,232.78 to be used to purchase carpet, mobile shelving, counter and chairs for the library media center summer renovation.
4. *(268-16/17) Acceptance: Sailing Club Donation*
RESOLVED: Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves a donation from the Chatham High School Sailing Club in the amount of \$350.00 to be used for sailing team transportation.
5. *(269-16/17) Acceptance: Society for Science & the Public and Regeneration Donation to CHS*
RESOLVED: Upon recommendation of the Superintendent and as approved by the Chatham High School Principal, the Board of Education accepts a donation in the amount of \$2,000.00 from the Society for Science & the Public and Regeneration which will be used to support the high school's science research projects.
6. *(270-16/17) Acceptance: LAF PTO Donation*
RESOLVED: Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves a donation from the Lafayette Avenue School PTO in the amount of \$3,000.00 to support and supplement the LAF Library Media Center book collections with the majority of these monies to be spent on books related to The Next Generation Science Standards.
7. *(271-16/17) Approval: NJSIG - Safety Grant Program Application for 2017*
RESOLVED: Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the submission of a safety grant application for the 2017 Safety Grant Program through the New Jersey Schools Insurance Group for the qualified purposes of upgrading four (4) analog cameras at Chatham High School to digital cameras. The analog cameras will then be repurposed and installed at the four district elementary schools as described in the application, in the amount of \$7,200 for the period of July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018.
8. *(272-16/17) Home Program*
RESOLVED: Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves Luz Meza to provide home based applied behavioral analysis programming from April 1 through June 30, 2017 at the rate of \$40.00 per hour not to exceed \$2,960.00.
9. *(273-16/17) ABA Home Program*
RESOLVED: Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education alters ABA Services from outside vendor Suzanne Boutilier from \$6,000.00 to \$5,760.00.

10. (274-16/17) ABA Home Program

RESOLVED: Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education alters ABA Services from outside vendor Aatifah Hammond from \$10,000.00 to \$7,280.00.

11. (275-16/17) Approval: Settlement Agreement

RESOLVED: Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the Settlement Agreement between the district and the parents of special education student #1195851850.

12. (276-16/17) Approval: Home Instruction

RESOLVED: Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves Professional Education Services, Inc. to provide home instruction for student #6581831028 at the rate of \$60.00 not to exceed \$4,680.00.

13. (277-16/17) Approval: Home Instruction

RESOLVED: Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves Professional Education Services, Inc. to provide home instruction for student #3341229070 at the rate of \$58.00 not to exceed \$696.00.

14. (278-16/17) Acceptance: SBS PTO Donations

RESOLVED: Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, and as approved by the Southern Boulevard School, the Board of Education approves the following donations from the Southern Boulevard School PTO:

Description	Amount
Funds for Principal to use at his discretion	\$1,500.00
Library Books - Valued At:	900.00
Bench next to walking track - Valued at:	700.00
Various Playground Supplies - Valued at:	500.00
TOTAL VALUE OF DONATIONS	\$3,600.00

15. (279-16/17) Approval: Cougar Field Renovations Phase 1 (Referendum Project)

WHEREAS: On March 29, 2017, the Board of Education received bids for the Cougar Field Renovations Phase 1 Project that is funded by the 2016 Referendum:

Contractor	Base Bid	Alt #1	Alt #2	Alt #3	Alt #4
Catcord Construction Co., Norwood, NJ	\$884,200	(\$6,000)	(\$32,500)	(\$55,000)	(\$8,000)
Your Way Construction, Irvington, NJ	\$936,000	(\$6,500)	(\$35,000)	(\$56,000)	(\$5,400)
V&K Construction, Edison, NJ	\$948,000	(\$2,000)	(\$24,000)	(\$20,000)	(\$3,000)
Athletic Fields of America, Montville, NJ	\$949,000	(\$6,000)	(\$32,000)	(\$35,000)	(\$5,000)

Upon the Architect and Attorney’s recommendation bid should be awarded to Catcord Construction Company since it is the lowest responsible bidder.

RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education awards the contract for the Cougar Field Renovations Phase 1 Project funded by the 2016 Referendum to

Catcord Construction Company of Norwood, NJ in the amount of \$790,700, which is the base bid and alternate 1, 2 and 3.

16. (280-16/17) Approval: Award Contract - CMS Interior Improvements (Referendum Project)

WHEREAS: On March 29, 2017, the Board of Education received bids for the Chatham Middle School Interior Improvement Project that is funded by the 2016 Referendum:

Contractor	Base Bid
GPC, Inc., Millburn, NJ	\$ 774,750
GL Group, Inc., Bloomingdale, NJ	\$ 836,000
Riefolo Construction Company, Inc., Cedar Grove, NJ	\$ 858,000
Falak Construction, North Brunswick, NJ	\$ 862,000
Pal-Pro, Fairlawn, NJ	\$ 894,000
M&M Construction, Union, NJ	\$ 961,000
Northeastern Interior Services, Fairfield, NJ	\$ 989,000
Salazar & Associates, Inc., Union, NJ	\$ 1,056,000
CV Electrical Contractors, Inc., Scotch Plains, NJ	\$ 1,064,000
K&D Contractors, Kenilworth, NJ	\$ 1,161,200
Practical, LLC, Ridgewood, NJ	\$ 1,193,000

Upon the Architect and Attorney’s recommendation bid should be awarded to GPC, Inc., since it is the lowest responsible bidder.

RESOLVED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education awards the contract for the Chatham Middle School Interior Improvement Project funded by the 2016 Referendum to GPC, Inc. of Millburn, NJ.

C. CURRICULUM

On a motion by Ms. Clark, seconded by Mr. Connors, the consent agenda items C.1 – C.3 (C.3 was added by addendum) were approved by an 8-0 roll call vote.

1. (048-16/17) Acceptance: Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying (HIB) Investigative Report for the period from March 21, 2017 through April 3, 2017.

RESOLVED: Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education accepts the Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying (HIB) Investigative Report for the period of March 21, 2017 through April 3, 2017 pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:37-1 et seq.

2. (049-16/17) Approval: CMS PTO Color Run

RESOLVED: Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the Chatham Middle School sponsored Color Run at the Chatham Middle School on April 22, 2017.

3. (050-16/17) Approval of Overnight Field Trip

RESOLVED: Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the CHS Academic Team field trip.

D. POLICY - None

XI. BOARD BUSINESS

- 2016/2017 School Calendar – Dr. LaSusa reported that there is one remaining snow day that will be used on Friday, May 26. Dr. LaSusa also noted the last four school days are early dismissal at Chatham High School. Certain administrators have requested that the next to last day of school and the last day of school be early dismissal days for K-8 (June 22 and 23).
- Ms. Clark stated that teachers can always use a little extra time to close out the school year. She asked how the half day Kindergarten would be affected.
- Dr. LaSusa responded that he will check on the Kindergarten schedule.
- The Board approved amending the 2016/2017 school calendar to use May 26 as the one unused snow day and to create early dismissal days on June 22 and June 23:

XII. ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEM:**C. CURRICULUM**

On a motion by Ms. Clark, seconded by Mr. Connors, the consent agenda item C.4 was approved by an 8-0 roll call vote.

4. *(051-16/17) Approval: Revisions to 2016/2017 School Calendar*

RESOLVED: Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the revisions to the 2016/2017 school calendar to use May 26 as the one unused snow day and to create early dismissal days on June 22 and 23, 2017.

XIII. ADDITIONAL BOARD BUSINESS:

- Mr. Connors applauded the comments of a gentleman at the March 6, 2017 board meeting when he welcomed everyone to “his town”. He is concerned about recent events and asked that all discussions be civil.

XIV. PUBLIC COMMENTARY

- Melissa Cavalone, a Chatham Township resident, commented that at a past meeting a resident suggested renting space in town. Due to district confidentiality, she feels the district should have its own separate space.
- Stewart Carr asked if there are any thoughts of a survey on the new building. He asked if the highest and best use of the money is being done and encouraged the public’s comments on the new building.

XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:56 PM Ms. Weber moved the following:

WHEREAS: The Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-11, permits the Board of Education to meet in closed session to discuss certain matters, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED: The Board of Education adjourns to closed session to discuss legal and personnel matters; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: The minutes of this closed session be made public when the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Connors and approved by unanimous voice vote.

XVI. PUBLIC SESSION – The board reconvened in Public Session at 9:15 PM

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Ms. Weber, seconded by Mr. Connors, the meeting adjourned at 9:18 PM.

Minutes recorded by:

Peter Daquila
Business Administrator/Board Secretary