# CLINTON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION WORK SESSION MINUTES August 17, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. Virtual Access



**CALL TO ORDER:** Lana Brennan called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.

# PUBLICATION OF NOTICE:

Ms. Brennan read the following public notice into the record.

In accordance with the provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, Laws of 1975, adequate notice of this meeting was provided through public notice on August 5, 2020.

- a. Sent to three newspapers designated by the Board Hunterdon County Democrat, Hunterdon Review and Express Times.
- b. Posting on the District Website.
- c. Faxing to Clerk of Clinton Township.

# ROLL CALL:

|                          | Present | Absent | Time of arrival after the meeting has been called to order. |
|--------------------------|---------|--------|---|
| Ms. Lana Brennan         | X       | •      |   |
| Dr. Laura Brasher        | х       |        |   |
| Ms. Mary Beth Brooks     | х       |        |   |
| Ms. Catherine Mary Emery | Х       |        |   |
| Ms. Maria Grant          |         |        | Arrived 9:00 p.m.   |
| Dr. Alison Grantham      | X       |        |   |
| Mr. Scott Hornick        | X       |        |   |
| Mrs. Jennifer Kaltenbach | Х       |        |   |
| Dr. Catherine Riihimaki  | X       |        |   |

#### Also Present:

Dr. Johanna Ruberto, Interim Superintendent of Schools Mark Kramer, Interim Business Administrator/Board Secretary

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mr. Hornick led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PROCESS GUARDIAN: Dr. Riihimaki was appointed Process Guardian.

# BOARD PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS/REPORT:

Ms. Brennan noted the following:

- Explanation of the announcement from Governor Murphy
- The plan for reopening schools may change over time
- Requested board members to finish their self-evaluation by September 10

#### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Dr. Ruberto commented on the following:

- Acknowledgement of the staff, board and community
- New Staff Orientation
- The retirement of Roberta Grambor
- Changes to the 2020/2021 district calendar
- Goals:
  - o Equity; SAMR model; social and emotional learning; Domain II
- Reopening Update
  - o Discussed fully remote option
  - Weekly meetings with the NJ Department of Health discussing guidelines for school districts
  - o Educational equity for all students
  - o A & B school schedule
  - Reviewed information being sent to parents
- Annual HIB information

#### SU-A

#### WORK-FAMILY CONNECTIONS

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education hereby appoints Work-Family Connection as the provider for child care for the 2020 Summer Camp and the 2020/21 Before/After Care Programs.

# Motion to approve Action Item 21-SU-003

#### Action Item 21-SU-003:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Education hereby amends the 2020-2021 District Calendar dates as follows:

August 28, 2020 - Professional Development Day for all staff

August 31, 2020 - Professional Development Day for all staff

September 1, 2020 - Professional Development Day for all staff

September 2, 2020 - School Closed to Students Only, staff Professional Development day

September 3, 2020 - School Closed to Students Only, staff Professional Development day

September 8 - First day for students

November 3, Election Day, will be a Remote Learning day for students and staff

April 1, 2020 - Regular School Day (formerly half Professional Development Day)

May 28, 2020 - School Closed (formerly half Professional Development Dav)

#### Board of Education Roll Call Vote on 21-SU-003

|         | Dr.            | Ms.           | Ms.          | Ms.          | Dr.             | Mr.            | Ms.               | Dr.              | Ms.            |
|---------|----------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------|----------------|-------------------|------------------|----------------|
|         | <u>Brasher</u> | <b>Brooks</b> | <b>Emery</b> | <u>Grant</u> | <u>Grantham</u> | <u>Hornick</u> | <u>Kaltenbach</u> | <u>Riihimaki</u> | <u>Brennan</u> |
| Motion  | Motion         |               |              |              |                 |                |                   | 2nd              |                |
| Aye     | х              | X             | X            |              | x               | X              | x                 | X                | х              |
| Nay     |                |               |              |              |                 |                |                   |                  |                |
| Abstain |                |               |              |              |                 |                |                   |                  |                |
| Absent  |                |               |              | х            |                 |                |                   |                  |                |

All yes. One absent. Motion Carried.

#### PRESENTATIONS:

Ms. Brennan noted that there will be an upcoming presentation (August 24) relating to the Virtual Academy by Luke Mason, Vice Principal, Clinton Township Middle School.

# FIRST RECOGNITION OF THE PUBLIC:

- Amy Marks, 5 Cottonwood Rd., Clinton commented on her reasons for choosing to go remote; the emotional effects on students and asked what support are children being given; commented on ventilation in the schools; commended Dr. Ruberto for her communications.
- Patricia Corral, 2 Austin Hill Rd., Clinton Township, thanked Dr. Ruberto and indicated the same concerns as Ms. Marks.
- Sonia Damanakis, 56 Haytown Road, Clinton, Teacher, CTMS, also indicated her interest in the ventilation test results and asked about PPE.
- Stacie Ann Creighton, 22 Prescott Cir., Lebanon commented on the logistics for setting up classrooms and utilizing peer reviewed journal articles and scientific publications to help with guidance.
- Julie Tepper, 202 Arbor Dr., Stewardsville thanked Dr. Ruberto and the Board for the calendar changes for staff and students.
- Penny McFadden, Speech Language Specialist, Round Valley School, asked if the district is monitoring the state transmission rate and other local statistics.
- Kristina Knapp, special education teacher at Clinton Township Middle School commented on attending a hybrid instruction training session and its effects on today's education and further commented on live streaming.

# REPORT OF THE SCHOOL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/BOARD SECRETARY:

Mr. Kramer reviewed the resolutions proposed for the August 24 board meeting.

- BA-A APPROVAL OF BILL LISTS
- BA-B ACCEPTANCE OF THE MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS
- BA-C APPROVAL OF TRANSFERS
- BA-D APPROVAL OF REVISED 2020-2021 STATE AID
- BA-E APPROVAL OF FEDERAL SCHOOL LUNCH PRICING 2020-2021

BA-F AUTHORIZING THE COMPLETION OF THE APPLICATION AND RECEIPT OF A SAFETY GRANT

BA-G APPROVE THE CLOSING OF BANK ACCOUNTS

BA-H APPROVE MEETING MINUTES FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2020

BA-I APPROVE MEETING MINUTES FOR THE MONTHS PRIOR TO JULY 2020

# BA-A APPROVAL OF BILL LISTS

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 18A:19, Expenditure of Funds; Audit and Payment of Claims, provides Board of Educations to make payments on claims for goods received and services rendered payable to the order of the person entitled to receive the amount after approval by the board; or in accordance with payrolls duly certified; or debt service or when provided by resolution approval by a person designated by the board; and

WHEREAS, a list of bills dating JULY XX, 2020 through AUGUST XX, 2020 is being presented to the board with the recommendation that it be ratified and paid,

**WHEREAS**, each claim or demand has been fully itemized, verified and audited as required by law in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:19-2.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Clinton Township Board of Education approves the list of bills for payment in the grand sum of \$XXX,XXX.XX.; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the list of bills are on file in the Office of the School Business Administrator, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Clinton Township Board of Education authorizes the School Business Administrator to pay bills if it is determined that a need arises prior to the next board meeting in accordance with Board Policy #6470 – Payment of Claims.

| General Account      | \$XXX,XXX.XX |
|----------------------|--------------|
| Food Service Account | \$XXX,XXX.XX |
| TOTAL                | \$XXX,XXX.XX |

#### BA-B

#### ACCEPTANCE OF THE MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10 requires the Board Secretary and the Clinton Township Board of Education to certify that no budgetary line item account has been over-expended and that the sufficient funds are available to meet the District's financial obligation, and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C.6A:23A-16.10 further requires the Clinton Township Board of Education receive and accept the monthly financial statement, the Board Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports; and

WHEREAS, the Board Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports for the month ending June 30, 2020 are presented for the Board to accept and are on file in the Office of the School Business Administrator;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Clinton Township Board of Education acknowledges receipt of and accepts the Board Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports for the month ending June 30, 2020; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board Secretary and Clinton Township Board of Education certify that no budgetary line item account has been over-expended and that there are sufficient funds available to meet the District's financial obligation.

# BA-C APPROVAL OF TRANSFERS

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C.6A:23A-16.10-(c)1 states that a report shall be presented to the Board showing all transfers between line item accounts for each line item account shown on the budget prepared in accordance with N.J.S.A.18A:22-8; and

WHEREAS, Board Policy #6422 designates the Superintendent of Schools to approve transfers as necessary between meetings of the Board and be reported to the Board, ratified and duly recorded in the minutes at a subsequent Board meeting; and

WHEREAS, transfers in the reports "Transfers Before/After" for the month were necessary to maintain the needs of the district and are on file in the Office of the School Business Administrator,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that Clinton Township Board of Education ratifies and approves the transfers in the reports "Transfers Before/After" for fiscal years 2019-2020 through August 21, 20020, approved by the Superintendent, so that no budgetary line item account has been over-expended and that sufficient funds would be available to meet the district's financial obligations, as requested by various district administrators.

# BA-D APPROVAL OF REVISED 2020-2021 STATE AID

WHEREAS, New Jersey school districts have been advised that revised 2020/2021 state aid notices have been provided to each school district and that the Clinton Township Board of Education as of received a reduction in state aid in the amount of \$25,195; and

WHEREAS, districts experiencing a decrease in their 2020/2021 state aid as compared with the February 27, 2020 state aid notice must recognize the state aid presented on the revised state aid award notice as their 2020/2021 budgetary basis state aid revenue and receivable and will reflect the revised state aid as a midyear budget adjustment; and

WHEREAS, state aid reductions may be addressed through transfers from unassigned general fund surplus at any time during the budget year pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:22-8.1 and N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-13.3(b) and (c), NJDOE approval to transfer/increase the amount of unassigned general fund surplus budgeted in the original budget certified for taxes to provide the resources necessary to offset the reduction to 2020/2021 state aid has been granted by the interim Commissioner on July 22, 2020,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Clinton Township Board of Education approves the use of unassigned general fund surplus in the amount of \$25,195 by transferring/increasing the amount of unassigned general fund surplus budgeted in the original budget certified for taxes; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, this resolution shall take effect immediately and the Clinton Township Board of Education authorizes the Board President, Superintendent, and School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

to sign any documents on behalf of the Clinton Township Board of Education with regards to exercising the intent of this resolution.

# BA-E

#### APPROVAL OF FEDERAL SCHOOL LUNCH PRICING 2020-2021

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the Clinton Township Board of Education hereby approves the following pricing schedule for the school lunch program in accordance with State and Federal guidelines.

| School - Lunch | Paid-Student | Reduced Price-Student | Adult  |
|----------------|--------------|-----------------------|--------|
| Elementary     | \$3.00       | \$0.00                | \$4.00 |
| Middle         | \$3.25       | \$0.00                | \$4.00 |

#### BA-F

# AUTHORIZING THE COMPLETION OF THE APPLICATION AND RECEIPT OF A SAFETY GRANT

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Schools Insurance Group ("NJSIG") is a school board insurance group authorized by N.J.S.A. 18A:18B-1, et seq. to provide insurance coverage and risk management services for its members;

WHEREAS, the Clinton Township School District, hereinafter referred to as the "Educational Institution," is a member of NJSIG; and,

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with NJSIG Policy 3710, the goal of the safety grant program is to provide members the necessary resources to complete risk reduction projects and improve the safety of the population NJSIG members serve.

#### **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that:

- 1. The Educational Institution applies for a safety grant through the NJSIG safety grant program for the 2020 fiscal year in the amount of \$14,500 for the following purposes:
  - Install LED lights at the Clinton Township Middle School. This upgrade is for the parking lot and school sign of the Clinton Township Middle School. This will save on electricity and make the parking lot brighter, thus making it safer for students, staff and visitors as many activities are held at the Township Middle School in the evening.
- 2. The School Business Administrator or their designee is hereby authorized to take all action necessary to apply for and receive a safety grant award.

# BA-G APPROVE THE CLOSING OF BANK ACCOUNTS

Motion to approve the closing of the following dormant bank accounts currently opened at Investors Bank:

- 1. Middle School Petty Cash
- 2. RVS Petty Cash
- 3. Spruce Run Petty Cash
- 4. PMG Petty Cash

#### BA-H

Motion to approve the following list of Board Meeting minutes as presented for the month of July 2020:

- July 27, 2020 Regular Meeting
- July 20, 2020 Work Session
- July 1, 2020 Special Meeting
- July 1, 2020 Special Meeting Executive Session

#### BA-I

Motion to approve the following list of Board Meeting minutes as presented for months prior to July 2020:

- March 9, 2020 Work Session
- March 30, 2020 Board Retreat
- April 9, 2020 Special Meeting
- April 27, 2020 Budget Hearing

- May 4, 2020 -Work Session
- May 11, 2020 Regular Meeting
- June 4, 2020 Special Meeting
- June 15, 2020 Regular Meeting

# Next Meeting Dates:

- September 10, 2020 Work Session
- September 21, 2020 Regular Meeting
- October 5, 2020 Work Session
- October 19, 2020 Regular Meeting

- November 16, 2020 Work Session
- November 23, 2020 Regular Meeting
- December 14, 2020 Work Session
- December 21, 2020 Regular Meeting

Ms. Brennan asked if any Board members had questions or discussions on any of the resolutions in the Facilities/Finance, Personnel, Policy and Curriculum sections and heard none.

#### FACILITIES/FINANCE:

#### FF-A

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education hereby approves a donation of PPE (72 protective glasses, 58 goggles, 20 boxes of gloves, six (6) boxes of surgical masks and one (1) box of N95 masks) made in April of 2020 to Hunterdon Medical Center.

# PERSONNEL:

#### P-A

*Motion to approve* **Donna Donovan** for the position of part-time school secretary (FTE= 0.64) at an annual salary of \$XXXXX, effective August 25, 2020 through June 30, 2021. (Pending successful completion of criminal history background check). PCR#0000279

#### P-B

*Motion to approve* Colleen Chroback, AA, Step 3 for the position of 1:1 teaching assistant at an annual salary of \$22,820.00, effective August 31, 2020 through June 30, 2021. (Pending successful completion of criminal history background check). PCR#

#### P-C

Motion to approve XXXXXXX for the position of teaching assistant at an annual salary of \$XXXXX, effective August XX, 2020 through June 30, 2021. (Pending successful completion of criminal history background check).

#### P-D

*Motion to amend* prior Action 21-P-029 dated July 27, 2020, from an effective date on August 1, 2020 to an effective date of August 31, 2020 for Kathleen Fulse for the position of special education teacher. PCR#0000278.

#### P-E

Motion to approve XXXXXXXXXXX for the position of Assistant to the School Business Administrator at an annual salary of \$XX,XXX.00 effective XXXXXXX XX, 2020 through June 30, 2021. PCR#0000004.

#### P-F

Motion to approve, with the support of the negotiating committee, to approve Non-Affiliated stipends as set forth in Schedule A.

#### P-G

Motion to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, with the support of the negotiating committee, for the following 2020-2021 assignments of Non-Affiliated staff and salaries as set forth in Schedule B.

#### P-H

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education hereby approves Don Helmstetter as the Athletic Coordinator for the 2020-2021 school year, with an annual stipend of \$5565.00 as per negotiated agreement.

#### P-I

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education hereby approves (tentatively) **Robert Lovering** for the position of Leave Replacement Teacher for **Employee ID#49894116**, FTE =1, Step B, BA, with an annual salary of \$59,392.00 effective August 31, 2020 through November, 30, 2020. (Pending successful completion of criminal history background check).

#### P-J

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education hereby approves \_RVS\_\_\_\_\_\_, Leave Replacement Teacher for **Employee ID**#####, effective [insert date] through November, x, 2020 at a salary of (Pending successful completion of criminal history background check).

#### P-K

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education hereby approves \_RVS\_\_\_\_\_, for the position of Special Education Teacher, with an annual salary of xxxx effective xxx through xxx. (Pending successful completion of criminal history background check).

#### P-L

Motion to accept, with regret, the retirement of Roberta Grambor, effective 10/1/2020 following 21 years of dedication and service to the district. PCR#0000130

# P-M

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education hereby approves the following mentor/novice teacher pairings:

| Mentor       | Novice Teacher  | School |
|--------------|-----------------|--------|
| Judy Johnson | Susan Simonelli | RVS    |
|              | Julia Mueller   | PMG    |

## P-N

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education hereby approves the following staff members to participate in one hour of HIB training at the specified rate of \$13/hr.

| PMG                                 | RVS:                            | CTMS:             |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| Alina Chauvette - Health Office     | Marybeth Goodwin- Health Office | Donna Booth       |
| Sandra Englehardt                   | Debbie McManus                  | Gina Bunnicelli   |
| Mitsa Lasky                         | Jaqueline Schumacher            | Carona Davis-Diop |
| Stephanie Olivo                     | Sue Sherman                     |                   |
| Eileen Piekarski                    | Ruth Krysinski                  |                   |
| Christine Quinn                     | Nicole Randazzo                 |                   |
| Linda Pingitore                     |                                 |                   |
| Nancy Rochelle (substitute fill in) |                                 |                   |

# P-O

*Motion to approve* Laura Lucchetto to perform summer curriculum work at the hourly rate of \$37.74, for a total amount not to exceed \$1,509.60.

#### P-P

Motion to approve, Nicole Spagnuolo, for the position of Leave Replacement Teacher for Employee #924997771 (FTE=1) at Step C, BA with an annual salary of \$59,392.00 prorated based upon a start date of August 31, 2020 through November 20, 2020. (Pending successful completion of criminal history background check).

#### P-Q

Motion to approve, Deborah Ennes-Schaible, for the position of Leave Replacement Teacher for Employee ID# 49985583, FTE=1, Step DE, MA with an annual salary of \$62,992.00 effective August 31, 2020 through December 18, 2020. PCR#00000086

#### P-R

Motion to accept, with regret, the resignation of Michaela Glover from the Speech Language Pathologist position effective August 30, 2020. PCR#0000044

# P-S

Motion to accept, with regret, the resignation of Amanda Smith from a Special Education Teaching position effective August 30, 2020. PCR#0000266

#### P-T

*Motion to approve* the following staff members to participate on the District Response Team at an hourly rate of \$27.83, not to exceed 10 hours effective July 1, 2020 through September 30, 2020.

| Barber, Sarah | Roberto, Charles | Stanley, Heather | Shea, Katie |
|---------------|------------------|------------------|-------------|
|               |                  |                  |             |

#### P-U

Motion to approve the following staff members to participate on the School Response Team at an hourly

rate of \$27.83, not to exceed 10 hours effective July 1, 2020 through September 30, 2020.

| $	extbf{RVS}$   | Spruce Run                                    |  |  |
|---|---|--|--|
| Mrs. Katie Shea -Teacher; also on District Team                 | Ms. Maggie Bradfod                            |  |  |
| Mrs. Rita Russomano - Teacher                                   | Ms. Michelle Nor                              |  |  |
| Mrs. Michele Major - Teacher                                    | Ms. Leonora Possumato                         |  |  |
| Ms. Danielle Nugent- Originally RVS, but now SRS                | Ms. Heather Burd                              |  |  |
| Mrs. Jennifer Desjadon- Teacher                                 | Ms. Julia Monge                               |  |  |
| Mrs. Penny McFadden- Related Service Provider-                  | Ms. Sarah Barber - also on District Team      |  |  |
| Speech  | Ms. Jaclyn Rivas                              |  |  |
| Dr. Tracy Menzie- CST   | Ms. Elise Pozensky Cohen                      |  |  |
| Mrs. Christina Giordano- Guidance                               | Ms. Kim Zundel                                |  |  |
| Mrs. Aly Pfenning- Teacher                                      | Dr. Allison Lefebvre                          |  |  |
| Mrs. Lisa Miller- Teaching Assistant                            | Ms. Joan Slagus                               |  |  |
| Ms. Kelly Hill- Teacher and CTEA rep                            | Ms. Jennifer Patuto                           |  |  |
| Mr. Jayson Hill – Instrumental Music                            | Ms. Lori Jentsch                              |  |  |
| -   | Ms. Kaitlyn Vona                              |  |  |
| $\mathbf{PMG}$  | CTMS  |  |  |
| Mrs. Sandy Fitzpatrick  | Mr. Chuck Roberto – Teacher, also on District |  |  |
| Mrs. Julie Snee - First Grade Rep                               | Team  |  |  |
| Ms. Julie Tepper - Second Grade Rep                             | Mrs. Joanne Gitto - Teacher Grade 8           |  |  |
| Mrs. Heather Stanley - Special Ed Rep, also on District<br>Team | Ms. Kathy Collins - CST Representative & CTEA |  |  |
| Mrs. Joy Boisclair - Enrichment/Support Teachers Rep            | Mrs. Bonnie Birken - Teacher Grade 7          |  |  |
| Mrs. Joan Slagus - Related Services                             | Mr. Kevin Rudolph - TeacherGrade 6            |  |  |
| Mrs. Laura Greenstein - CST                                     | Mrs. Courtney Chipman - Teacher Grade 6       |  |  |
| Mrs. Carole Frey - School Counselor                             | Mr. Jeff Shanklin - U.Arts Teacher            |  |  |
| Mrs. Julie Bruen - Special Area Rep                             | Mrs. Kerry Mueller - Counselor                |  |  |
| Mrs. Jenna Graham - Teacher assistant rep                       | Mrs. Francis Lin - Special Educator           |  |  |
| Mrs. Stephanie Rosa - CTEA rep                                  | Mr. Don Helmstetter - U.Arts Teacher          |  |  |
| Mrs. Joanne Filus - Technology teacher                          | Mrs. Rose Mastroianni - Teaching Assistant    |  |  |
|   | Mrs. Diane Cormican - Enrichment              |  |  |
|   | Mr. Rich Tarriff - U.Arts Teacher             |  |  |
|   |   |  |  |

#### P-V

Motion to approve administration to increase part-time lunch aides hours to a maximum of twenty-four (24) hours during the hybrid school schedule to support arrival, dismissals and all monitoring.

#### P-W

*Motion to approve* the employment of Carona Diopp Davis, for the position of Lunch/Recess Aide at \$13.00 per hour, effective September 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. (Pending successful completion of a criminal history background check.) PCR#0000073

#### P-X

Be it resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent that the following individuals are hereby selected to serve as the Board's representatives on the Sick Bank Committee in accordance with N.J.S.A 18A:30-11 and the most recent Collective Negotiations Agreement between the Board and the Clinton Township Education Association:

- Joanne Hinkle, Director of Special Projects
- Alexa Ingram, Director of Special Services
- Luke Mason, Assistant Principal

#### P-Y

Motion to approve Leah Charles for a school counseling internship with the Special Services Department through Centenary University at the Clinton Township School District for 300 hours from August 31, 2020 through December 31, 2020. (Pending successful completion of a criminal history background check and school liability insurance.)

# POLICY:

**Motion to adopt** the policies and regulations included in the new Policy and Regulation Manual on second reading.

WHEREAS, New Jersey school districts are required by New Jersey statutes, administrative codes, and New Jersey Department of Education mandates to develop and adopt policies and regulations regarding school district operations; and

WHEREAS, the Clinton Township Board of Education and administrative staff, working with Strauss Esmay Associates, L.L.P, have developed a complete Policy and Regulation Manual that updated all policies and regulations; and

WHEREAS, the process is completed and the Clinton Township Board of Education Policy and Regulation Manuals are finalized and prepared for Board approval: and

WHEREAS, the Clinton Township Board of Education approved the first reading of the policies and regulations included in the new Policy and Regulation Manual at its Board Meeting on July 27, 2020;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Clinton Township Board of Education adopts the policies and regulations included in the new Policy and Regulation Manual with this second reading and shall become effective immediately.

# CURRICULUM:

#### **CUR-A**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education hereby approves the District Professional Development Plan for each school for the 2020-21 school year.

#### **CUR-B**

Motion to approve the submission of the FY2021 Digital Divide Grant application in the amount of \$24,916.

#### **CUR-C**

Motion to adopt the following curricula for the 2020-2021 school year to align with the current state standards:

Preschool

#### **CUR-D**

*Motion to approve* the purchase of twelve Chromebook charging carts from CDW-G in the amount of \$11,746.08.

#### **CUR-E**

*Motion to approve* a proposal in the amount of TBD from the **Foundation for Educational Administration**, **Inc.** to conduct a presentation about Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying for the Board of Education and community members during the September 21, 2020 meeting.

#### **CUR-F**

*Motion to approve* Mary Culcasi, Independent Contractor, to provide 18 hours a week of Speech/Language therapy services for a fee of \$80.00 per hour during the 2020/2021 school year.

#### **CUR-G**

Motion to approve SID xxx to attend xxx School for the 2020/2021 school year at a tuition of \$xx.xx.

#### **CUR-H**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education hereby approves the Code of Conduct Handbook for Round Valley Elementary School, Patrick McGaheran School and Spruce Run School and the Code of Conduct Handbook for the Clinton Township Middle School for the 2020/2021 school year.

# **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Ms. Brennan opened discussion for old business and asked board members to comment on shifting the board meetings from a virtual to a hybrid model. Several members expressed their thoughts and opinions and it was agreed to continue virtual meetings. The topic will be revisited at the September 21 meeting.
- Dr. Riihimaki spoke about attending the August 3 joint Hunterdon/Somerset County School Board Association meeting. Topics at the meeting included the upcoming NJSBA Virtual Workshop and what is happening at the state government.
- Mr. Farkas noted that Ms. Grant arrived at 9 p.m.

# NEW BUSINESS:

No New Business

# SECONDERECOGNITION OF THE PUBLIC

Brennan opened the second public session:

- Amy Marks, 5 Cottonwood Rd., Clinton commented on ASHREA's information on reopening buildings; expressed support for virtual board meetings; asked for information on student virtual learning.
- Regan Russel, 6 Grace Dr., Annadale complemented teachers and expressed a concern about having kids and teachers in the school building safely together.
- Stacie Ann Creighton, 22 Prescott Cir., Lebanon voiced her support for virtual board meetings.

# EXECUTIVE SESSION:

No executive session

# ADJOURNMENT:

#### Action 21-AJ-003:

Motion made by Dr. Grantham, seconded by Ms. Brooks, to adjourn the meeting of the Clinton Township Board of Education at 9:10 p.m.

By consensus:

9 Ayes;

0 Nays;

0 Abstain;

0 Absent

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark Kramer

School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Board of Education Approved: 9/21/2020