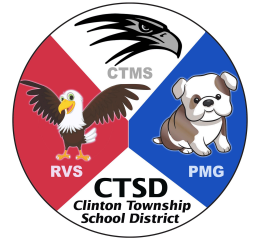


**CLINTON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
ORGANIZATION MEETING MINUTES
Organization Meeting January 3, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.
Clinton Township Middle School Auditorium**



The School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, shall serve as presiding officer pro tempore until the election of a President.

CALL TO ORDER: Dr. Dempsey called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PUBLICATION OF NOTICE:

Dr. Dempsey read the following statement:

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 January 9, 2023.

- a. Notice was sent to two newspapers designated by the Board: Express Times and Hunterdon Review.
- b. Notice was posted on the District Website, the main bulletin board in the Administration Offices and in each Clinton Township School.
- c. Notice was sent to the municipal clerk of Clinton Township.
- d. Please note that this meeting will be streamed.

ROLL CALL:

Board Member	Present	Absent	Time of arrival after meeting called to order:
Dr. Michael Blumenfeld	X		
Ms. Stacie-Ann Creighton	X		
Ms. Catherine Mary Emery	X		
Mr. Matthew Fernandes	X		
Mr. Scott Hornick	X		
Ms. Jennifer Kaltenbach	X		
Mr. Daniel Rosa		X	
Dr. Catherine Riihimaki	X		
Ms. Lana Brennan	X		

Also present were the following administrators:

- Dr. Stager, Superintendent of Schools
- Dr. Gretchen Dempsey, School Business Administrator / Board Secretary

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Dr. Dempsey led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ANNUAL ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION:

Dr. Dempsey read the following election results:

Combined Statement of School Board Election Results 2023

Candidate	Number of Votes
Lana Brennan	2,581
Matthew Fernandes	2,465
Stacie-Ann Creighton	2,433
Write-In Totals	102

Additional Spending Proposal #1

There shall be raised an additional \$150,000 for General Funds in the 2023-2024 School Year. These taxes will be used to provide services from the Clinton Township Police Department to provide for one (1) dedicated School Resource Officer to the district schools. Approval of these taxes will result in a permanent increase in the District's tax levy. The additional taxes authorized herein will be used exclusively for purposes described herein and to finance expenditures that are in addition to those necessary to achieve the New Jersey Student Learning Standards.

	Number of Votes
Yes	2,222
No	1,920
Total Votes Cast	4,142

Additional Spending Proposal #2

There shall be raised an additional \$150,000 for General Funds in the 2023-2024 School Year. These taxes will be used to provide services from the Clinton Township Police Department to provide for a second School Resource Officer, giving the district a total of two (2) dedicated School Resource Officers to the district schools. Approval of these taxes will result in a permanent increase in the District's tax levy. The additional taxes authorized herein will be used exclusively for purposes described herein and to finance expenditures that are in addition to those necessary to achieve the New Jersey Student Learning Standards.

	Number of Votes
Yes	1,785
No	2,337
Total Votes Cast	4,122

OATH OF OFFICE:

Dr. Gretchen Dempsey, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, administered the Oath of Office to the following newly elected Board members, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:12-2.1, N.J.S.A. 41:1-1 &-3:

- Ms. Lana Brennan
- Ms. Stacie-Ann Creighton
- Mr. Matthew Fernandes

BOARD OFFICERS AND APPOINTMENTS:

NOMINATION FOR BOARD PRESIDENT

Dr. Dempsey called for nominations for Board President:

Dr. Riihimaki nominated Ms. Brennan for Board President.

Dr. Dempsey asked if there were any other nominations and heard none.

O.1A

CLOSE NOMINATIONS OF BOARD PRESIDENT

Motion to close nominations.

Board of Education Roll Call Vote on O.1A

	Dr. Blumenfeld	Ms. Brennan	Ms. Creighton	Ms. Emery	Mr. Fernandes	Mr. Hornick	Ms. Kaltenbach	Dr. Riihimaki	Mr. Rosa
Motion							2nd	Motioned	
Aye	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Nay									
Abstain									
Absent									X

**8 Yes Votes, 1 Absent
Motion Carries**

O.1B

ELECTION OF BOARD PRESIDENT

Motion for Ms. Brennan to be appointed as President of the Clinton Township Board of Education.

Board of Education Roll Call Vote on O.1B

	Dr. Blumenfeld	Ms. Brennan	Ms. Creighton	Ms. Emery	Mr. Fernandes	Mr. Hornick	Ms. Kaltenbach	Dr. Riihimaki	Mr. Rosa
Motion			2nd					Motioned	
Aye	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Nay									
Abstain									
Absent									X

**8 Yes Votes, 1 Absent
Motion Carries**

THE NEWLY ELECTED BOARD PRESIDENT NOW PRESIDES AT THE MEETING.

NOMINATION FOR BOARD VICE-PRESIDENT

Ms. Brennan called for nominations for Board Vice-President:

Ms. Kaltenbach nominated Dr. Riihimaki for Board Vice-President.

O.2A. CLOSE NOMINATIONS OF BOARD VICE-PRESIDENT

Motion to close nominations.

Board of Education Roll Call Vote on O.2A

	Dr. Blumenfeld	Ms. Brennan	Ms. Creighton	Ms. Emery	Mr. Fernandes	Mr. Hornick	Ms. Kaltenbach	Dr. Riihimaki	Mr. Rosa
Motion			2nd					Motioned	
Aye	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Nay									
Abstain									
Absent									X

**8 Yes Votes, 1 Absent
Motion Carries**

**O.2B
ELECTION OF BOARD VICE-PRESIDENT**

Motion for Dr. Riihimaki to be appointed as Vice-President of the Clinton Township Board of Education.

Board of Education Roll Call Vote on O.2B

	Dr. Blumenfeld	Ms. Brennan	Ms. Creighton	Ms. Emery	Mr. Fernandes	Mr. Hornick	Ms. Kaltenbach	Dr. Riihimaki	Mr. Rosa
Motion				Motioned	2nd				
Aye	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Nay									
Abstain									
Absent									X

**8 Yes Votes, 1 Absent
Motion Carries**

FIRST RECOGNITION OF THE PUBLIC – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:

Ms. Brennan asked if anybody was interested in speaking to the board and there were no requests made to speak from the public in attendance.

BOARD PRESIDENT’S COMMENTS:

- Ms. Brennan welcomed returning board members and welcomed new member Mr. Fernandes. She spoke about the new full-day Preschool program. She brought up the *Code of Ethics* for discussion and asked Dr. Dempsey to elaborate further about the handout of the *School Ethics Act* and Board Policy #0142.
- Ms. Brennan informed the board of her committee member selections:
 - Policy - Ms. Kaltenbach (Chair), Ms. Brennan and Ms. Creighton
 - Facilities & Finance - Dr. Blumenfeld (Chair), Ms. Emery and Mr. Rosa
 - Curriculum - Dr. Riihimaki (Chair), Mr. Hornick and Ms. Kaltenbach
 - Personnel - Mr. Hornick (Chair), Ms. Creighton and Mr. Fernandes
 - Negotiations - Ms. Brennan (Chair), Dr. Blumenfeld, Dr. Riihimaki and Mr. Rosa
 - Governance Ad-Hoc - Ms. Creighton (Chair), Ms. Brennan, Dr. Blumenfeld and Dr. Riihimaki
- Ms. Brennan discussed with the board members the selection for delegates and alternates for the Hunterdon County ESC Board of Directors, Hunterdon County School Board Association, New Jersey School Boards Association.

ORGANIZATION RESOLUTIONS:

Motion to approve the following organization resolutions O.3 through O.36:

- O.3. CODE OF ETHICS**
- O.4. DELEGATE APPOINTMENTS**
- O.5. BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING DATES**
- O.6. PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURES**
- O.7. APPROVAL OF OFFICIAL DEPOSITORIES AND SIGNATURE AUTHORITY**
- O.8. APPROVAL/DESIGNATION OF NEWSPAPERS**
- O.9. APPOINTMENT OF CASH RECONCILER**
- O.10. AUTHORITY FOR BUDGET TRANSFERS, DESIGNATION OF CLAIMS AUDITOR AND PAYMENT OF BILLS**

- O.11. BOARD POLICIES/REGULATIONS**
- O.12. PETTY CASH ACCOUNTS**
- O.13. DISTRICT APPOINTMENTS**
- O.14. SCHOOL FUNDS INVESTOR**
- O.15. UNIFORM MINIMUM CHART OF ACCOUNTS**
- O.16. TAX SHELTERED ANNUITY COMPANIES**
- O.17. ADOPTION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN**
- O.18. APPOINTMENT OF DISTRICT TEMPORARY PURCHASING AGENT**
- O.19. USE OF STATE CONTRACTS**
- O.20. APPROVAL OF TEXTBOOKS AND CURRICULUM**
- O.21. PERMITTED STUDENT RECORDS**
- O.22. GRANT APPLICATION AND REPORT SUBMISSION**
- O.23. APPROVE AND GRANT AUTHORIZATION TO THE FOLLOWING TITLES TO REQUEST LEGAL SERVICES ON MATTERS PERTAINING TO DISTRICT MATTERS**
- O.24. APPROVE MEMBERSHIP IN NEW JERSEY SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION AND HUNTERDON COUNTY SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION**
- O.25. TRAVEL LIMITATION FOR REGULAR BUSINESS TRAVEL**
- O.26. AUTHORIZE COOPERATIVE PRICING AGREEMENTS WITH OTHER LEA's**
- O.27. AUTHORIZATION OF PAYROLL MANAGEMENT**
- O.28. AUTHORIZING USE OF A CONTINUING DISCLOSURE AGENT SERVICES & INDEPENDENT REGISTERED MUNICIPAL ADVISOR OF RECORD**
- O.29. MANDATORY DIRECT DEPOSIT**
- O.30. ORGANIZATION CHART**
- O.31. APPOINT POLICY PROVIDER SERVICE**
- O.32. SPECIAL EDUCATION**
- O.33. FEE FOR COPIES OF PUBLIC DOCUMENTS**
- O.34. CODE OF CONDUCT FOR REMOTE MEETINGS**
- O.35. APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT OF CLAIMS USING EFT TECHNOLOGIES**
- O.36. PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS, TRANSFERS, REMOVALS, RENEWALS AND NON-RENEWALS**

O.3

CODE OF ETHICS

WHEREAS, each member of the Board of Education shall possess the qualifications required by law and shall be bound by the provisions of the School Ethics Act in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:12-24.1; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Bylaw 0142.3, Code of Ethics, the Board of Education shall read and discuss the Board member Code of Ethics annually at a regularly scheduled public meeting.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education adopts the New Jersey School Boards Association Code of Ethics for School Board Members, 18A:12-24.1, as follows:

- a. I will uphold and enforce all laws, rules and regulations of the State Board of Education and court orders pertaining to schools. Desired changes should be brought about only through legal and ethical procedures.
- b. I will make decisions in terms of the educational welfare of children and will seek to develop and maintain public schools which meet the individual needs of all children regardless of their ability, race, creed, sex or social standing.
- c. I will confine my board action to policy making, planning, and appraisal, and I will help to frame policies and plans only after the board has consulted those who will be affected by them.
- d. I will carry out my responsibility, not to administer the schools, but, together with my fellow board members, to see that they are well run.
- e. I will recognize that authority rests with the board of education and will make no personal promises nor take any private action which may compromise the board.
- f. I will refuse to surrender my independent judgment to special interest or partisan political groups or to use the schools for personal gain or for the gain of friends.
- g. I will hold confidential all matters pertaining to the schools which, if disclosed, would needlessly injure individuals or the schools. But in all other matters, I will provide accurate information and, in concert with my fellow board members, interpret to the staff the aspirations of the community for its schools.
- h. I will vote to appoint the best qualified personnel available after consideration of the recommendation of the chief administrative officer.
- i. I will support and protect school personnel in proper performance of their duties.
- j. I will refer all complaints to the chief administrative officer and will act on such complaints at public meetings only after failure of an administrative solution.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board acknowledges receipt of the Code of Ethics material forwarded by the NJ School Boards Association; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 18A: 12-24.1, each Board Member will be asked to sign the *Acknowledgement of Receipt* of the Code of Ethics for School Board Members, and to forward the form to the Board Secretary.

O.4

COMMITTEE AND DELEGATE APPOINTMENTS

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby establishes the following committees and delegates:

	Delegate	Alternate
Hunterdon County ESC Board of Directors	Ms. Emery	Ms. Creighton
Hunterdon County School Boards Association	Ms. Creighton	Ms. Kaltenbach
New Jersey School Boards Association	Dr. Blumenfeld	Ms. Kaltenbach

- Policy - Ms. Kaltenbach (Chair), Ms. Brennan and Ms. Creighton
- Facilities & Finance - Dr. Blumenfeld (Chair), Ms. Emery and Mr. Rosa
- Curriculum - Dr. Riihimaki (Chair), Mr. Hornick and Ms. Kaltenbach
- Personnel - Mr. Hornick (Chair), Ms. Creighton and Mr. Fernandes
- Negotiations - Ms. Brennan (Chair), Dr. Blumenfeld, Dr. Riihimaki and Mr. Rosa
- Governance Ad-Hoc - Ms. Creighton (Chair), Ms. Brennan, Dr. Blumenfeld and Dr. Riihimaki

O.5

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING DATES

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act requires notice of regularly scheduled meetings within several days following the Annual Organization Meeting of the Board;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the regular meetings of the Clinton Township Board of Education listed below will be held at the Clinton Township Middle School Auditorium located at 34 Grayrock Road, Clinton, NJ 08809; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Clinton Township Board of Education approves the following regularly scheduled board meetings listed below commencing at 7:00 p.m. and will have action taken at each of these meetings:

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|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| January 22, 2024 | June 24, 2024 | October 21, 2024 |
| March 11, 2024 | August 12, 2024 | December 9, 2024 |
| April 29, 2024 | September 9, 2024 | January 2, 2025 * |
| June 3, 2024 | | |

* Organization Meeting

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clinton Township Board of Education will also hold a regular meeting on July 25, 2024 at 3 pm at the Clinton Township Middle School Cafeteria located at 34 Grayrock Road, Clinton, NJ 08809 for a board retreat. No action will be taken at this meeting; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clinton Township Board of Education in compliance with Chapter 231, Public Laws of 1975, authorizes the Board Secretary to post a copy of the above schedule of meetings at the Clinton Township offices and to advertise these meeting dates in the official newspapers of the Clinton Township Board of Education.

O.6

PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURES

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Clinton Township Board of Education adopts Robert's Rules of Order as the official parliamentary procedure manual to be used to conduct meetings pursuant to Bylaw #0164 and appoint the Board Secretary and Board Attorney to act as the Parliamentarians.

O.7

APPROVAL OF OFFICIAL DEPOSITORIES AND SIGNATURE AUTHORITY

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Clinton Township Board of Education hereby approves Investors/Citizens Bank as the designated depository for the Clinton Township Board of Education funds, and affirms that Investors/Citizens Bank is insured by either the SLIC or the FDIC as required by both Federal and State statutes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clinton Township Board of Education hereby authorizes that investments can be secured in any other bank holding a current certificate of eligibility for the State of New Jersey Banking Association; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary and/or designee be authorized to wire transfer Board of Education funds between Board of Education accounts only; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary and/or designee be authorized to enter into agreement(s) with the State of New Jersey to allow the State to initiate credit entries to Board of Education accounts in its depositories by automatic deposits when appropriate; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any funds on deposit in the district accounts be subject to withdrawal at any time upon presentation of warrants, checks, notes, bonds, bond coupons or other instruments or orders for the payment of money when signed, live or facsimile; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary is hereby authorized to deliver, upon demand, signatures of required authorities to the above-approved depositories; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the following authorized signatures for money market, checking and savings accounts at Investors/Citizens Bank or other bank holdings (facsimile stamps can be used):

Account	Number of Required Signatures	Authorized Signatories
General Checking Account Capital Projects Account	3	Board President, Superintendent, School Business Administrator/ Board Secretary
Payroll Account Payroll Agency Account Unemployment Trust Account Employee Flexible Spending Account Cafeteria Account Clinton Township School District Petty Cash	2	Board President, Superintendent, School Business Administrator/ Board Secretary
School Activities: Spruce Run School	2	Superintendent, School Business Administrator/ Board Secretary
School Activities: Patrick McGaheran School	2	Principal of Patrick McGaheran, Superintendent, School Business Administrator/ Board Secretary
School Activities: Round Valley School	2	Principal of Round Valley School, Superintendent, School Business Administrator/ Board Secretary
School Activities: Clinton Township Middle School	2	Principal of Clinton Township Middle School, Superintendent, School Business Administrator/ Board Secretary

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, this resolution shall take effect immediately, and the Clinton Township Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent, Board President, and School Business Administrator/Board Secretary to sign any documents on behalf of the Clinton Township Board of Education with regard to exercising the intent of this resolution.

O.8
APPROVAL/DESIGNATION OF NEWSPAPERS

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Clinton Township Board of Education designates Express Times as the official newspaper for the publication of board meetings, legal notices and advertisements and the Star Ledger, Hunterdon Democrat or Hunterdon Review as the secondary newspapers for the publications of board meetings.

O.9
APPOINTMENT OF CASH RECONCILER

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes that the Cash Reconciler be designated to prepare the district’s monthly Cash Reconciler’s Report.

O.10

AUTHORITY FOR BUDGET TRANSFERS, DESIGNATION OF CLAIMS AUDITOR AND PAYMENT OF BILLS

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Clinton Township Board of Education hereby authorizes, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:22-8.1, the Superintendent to approve line item transfers as necessary between board meetings and that such transfers shall be reported to the Board of Education, ratified, and duly recorded in the minutes of the next regular meeting; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary or designee, be designated as the Board of Education’s Claims Auditor with authority, as provided by 18A:19-2, to direct pre-payment of claims for payroll, fixed charges and any other claim or demand which would be in the best interests of the Board to pay promptly.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary may approve the payment of bills between board meetings pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:19-4.1. and that such warrants shall be presented to the board at the next Regular Business Meeting for ratification.

O.11. BOARD POLICIES/REGULATIONS

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby re-adopts all existing Board Policies and Bylaws of the Board, Regulations of the Superintendent, the Student Handbook, Manuals and Standard Operating Procedures of the administrations for the Board's operation and the operation of the school system.

O.12

PETTY CASH ACCOUNTS

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary to establish the following petty cash fund accounts in accordance with N.J.S.A.18A:19-13 and N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.9.

School/Department	Custodian	Amount	Maximum Expenditure
Clinton Township School District	Gretchen Dempsey	\$500	\$50

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any receipt being reimbursed through the petty cash fund cannot exceed the maximum single expenditure limit set in the above table and that the signatories of the petty cash fund fully comply with the requirements within the District’s Policy #6620 Petty Cash.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that funds are to be used for emergencies, infrequent or small purchases not exceeding the maximum single expenditure limit \$50.00 and not to subvert the intent of the regular purchasing procedures or for routine expenditures.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the minimum time period in which the designated person shall report to the district board of education on amounts disbursed from each fund shall be not less than when such funds disbursed has exceeded \$100.00;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all unused petty cash funds will be returned to the depository prior to the end of the fiscal year in accordance with the District’s Policy #6620 Petty Cash.

O.13

DISTRICT APPOINTMENTS

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Clinton Township Board of Education hereby approves/affirms the following annual appointments through June 30, 2024 school year:

Section 504 Compliance Officer	Director of Special Services
Affirmative Action/Equity Officer	Director, Curriculum, Learning & Grants
AHERA Coordinator	Supervisor of Building & Grounds
Anti-Bullying Coordinator	Melissa Goad
Anti-Bullying Specialist - SRS	Stephanie Rodrigues-Silva
Anti-Bullying Specialist - PMG	Carole Frey & Alex Ruttenberg
Anti-Bullying Specialists - RVS	Alex Ruttenberg & Christina Giordano
Anti-Bullying Specialists - CTMS	Kerry Mueller & Greg James
Attendance Officer	Director of Special Services
Board Secretary	Gretchen Dempsey
Custodian of Records	School Business Administrator
Homeless Liaison	Director of Special Services
Indoor Air Quality Officer	Supervisor of Building & Grounds
Integrated Pest Management Coordinator	Supervisor of Building & Grounds
Public Agency Compliance Officer	School Business Administrator
Right to Know Officer	Supervisor of Building & Grounds
Safety Officer	Clinton Township Police Department
School Safety Specialists	Mary Postma and Luke Mason
Cash Reconciler	Shari Schultz
Title IX Coordinator	Director of Curriculum, Learning & Grants
Substance Abuse Coordinator	Director of Special Services
Chemical Hygiene Officer	Supervisor of Building & Grounds
Asbestos Management & PEOSH Officer	Supervisor of Building & Grounds
American Disabilities Act Officer	Director of Special Services
Flexible Spending Administrator	Health Equity/Wageworks
COBRA	Ameriflex
Financial Advisory Services	Phoenix Advisors, LLC

Health Insurance Broker	Brown and Brown
General Liabilities Insurance Broker	CBIZ
School Physician	Dr. Ronald Frank
Wellness Committee Coordinator	Supervisor of Special Services & Instruction
ESEA/ESSA Grant Manager	Director of Curriculum, Learning & Grants
IDEA & Nonpublic Grant Manager	Director of Special Services
EFT Initiator	School Business Administrator
EFT Approver	Superintendent of Schools
EFT Activity Report Reviewer	Shari Schultz
Schools Health Insurance Fund Commissioner	School Business Administrator
Alternate Schools Health Insurance Fund Commissioner	Assistant School Business Administrator

O.14

SCHOOL FUNDS INVESTOR

BE IT RESOLVED, that Clinton Township Board of Education designates the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary as the person responsible for any and all Board of Education investments and wires; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary be authorized to make wire transfers from board accounts as necessary when required by Board action.

O.15

UNIFORM MINIMUM CHART OF ACCOUNTS

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Clinton Township School District authorize the use and level of accounts from the Uniform Minimum Chart of Accounts (Handbook 2R2) for New Jersey Public Schools to be used for reporting purposes.

O.16

TAX SHELTERED ANNUITY COMPANIES

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Clinton Township Board of Education hereby designates the following companies to provide 403B and 457B Tax Sheltered Annuity services:

- Lincoln National
- AXA Equitable
- Legends
- Vanguard

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clinton Township Board of Education restricts any other Tax Sheltered Annuity Companies from entering the District without this board's consent and board action as established in Policy 6520 - Payroll Deductions.

Q.17**ADOPTION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Clinton Township Board of Education hereby approves that emergency procedures described in the official Clinton Township School District's Emergency Management Plan and be re-adopted as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Q.18**APPOINTMENT OF DISTRICT TEMPORARY PURCHASING AGENT**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-2 provides that a Board of Education shall assign the authority, responsibility and accountability for the purchasing activity of the Board of Education to a person or persons who shall have the power to prepare advertisements, to advertise for and receive bids and to award contracts as permitted by this chapter; and

WHEREAS, 18A:18A-3 provides that contracts, awarded by the purchasing agent that do not exceed in the aggregate in a contract year the bid threshold of \$44,000 may be awarded by the purchasing agent without advertising for bids when so authorized by board resolution; and

WHEREAS, 18A:18A-37 c. provides that all contracts that are in the aggregate less than 15% of the bid threshold of \$6,600 may be awarded by the purchasing agent without soliciting competitive quotations if so authorized by board resolution; and

WHEREAS, 5:32-4.4 provides that when a vacancy in the office of a purchasing agent exists, the governing body may appoint, for a period not to exceed one year commencing from the date of the vacancy, a person who does not possess a qualified purchasing agent certificate to serve as a temporary purchasing agent;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Clinton Township Board of Education, pursuant to the statutes cited above hereby appoints the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Gretchen Dempsey, as its duly authorized temporary purchasing agent and is duly assigned the authority, responsibility and accountability for the purchasing activity of the Clinton Township Board of Education; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Gretchen Dempsey is hereby authorized to award contracts on behalf of the Clinton Township Board of Education that are in the aggregate less than 15% of the bid threshold of \$6,600 without soliciting competitive quotations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Gretchen Dempsey is hereby authorized to seek competitive quotations, when applicable and practicable and award contracts on behalf of the Clinton Township Board of Education when contracts in the aggregate exceed 15% of the bid threshold of \$6,600 but are less than the bid threshold of \$44,000.

O.19**USE OF STATE CONTRACTS**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the use of State Contracts per Title 18A:18A-10 which provides that, “A board of education, without advertising for bids, or after having rejected all bids obtained pursuant to advertising therefore, by resolution may purchase any goods or services pursuant to a contract or contracts for such goods or services entered into on behalf of the State by the Division of Purchase and Property; and

WHEREAS, the Clinton Township School District has the need, on a timely basis, to procure goods and services utilizing state contracts; and

WHEREAS, the Clinton Township School District desires to authorize its purchasing agent to make any and all purchases necessary to meet the needs of the school district throughout the school year; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Clinton Township School District does hereby authorize the District’s Purchasing Agent to make purchases of goods and services entered into on behalf of the State by the Division of Purchase and Property.

O.20**APPROVAL OF TEXTBOOKS AND CURRICULUM**

WHEREAS, in accordance with District Policy 0154, Annual Motions and Designations, the Board of Education must approve the curriculum for all grades annually at the organizational meeting;

BE IT RESOLVED, in compliance with N.J.S.A. 18A:33-1 and 18A:35 that the Clinton Township Board of Education confirms the adoption of the existing textbooks and curricula resources in the district's schools and that no course of study shall be altered except by the recorded roll call majority vote of the full membership of the board of education of the District; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Clinton Township Board of Education approves for use in the district classrooms through the school year ending June 30, 2024, curricular, courses, textbooks, reference books, manuals, workbooks, library collections, ancillary materials, and related curricular resources.

O.21**PERMITTED STUDENT RECORDS**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Clinton Township Board of Education, in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:32-7.3, acknowledges the following language on student records in Policy 8330:

- Mandated student records are those records school districts have been directed to compile by State statute, regulations, or authorized administrative directive in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:32-7.3; and
- Permitted student records are those student records not mandated pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:32-7.3, but authorized by the Board to promote the student’s educational welfare; and

- The Board shall authorize the permitted records to be collected by adopting Policy and Regulation 8330, which will list such permitted records.

O.22**GRANT APPLICATION AND REPORT SUBMISSION**

WHEREAS, prompt submission of grant applications, as well as, various financial reports relating to the grants is often time sensitive; and

WHEREAS, the District might lose an opportunity to apply for grants or file mandated reports in between board meetings; and

WHEREAS, it is in the Districts' best interest to submit grant applications, as well as, the various financial reports to avoid losing an opportunity for receipt of the funding;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Superintendent of Schools and the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary are authorized to sign grant applications, as well as, various financial reports between Board meetings; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all grant applications, as well as, various financial reports relating to the grants will continue to be reviewed by the grant manager or other appropriate district staff, the respective committees of the Board if applicable and subsequently ratified by the Board.

O.23**APPROVE AND GRANT AUTHORIZATION TO THE FOLLOWING TITLES TO REQUEST LEGAL SERVICES ON MATTERS PERTAINING TO DISTRICT MATTERS**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Clinton Township Board of Education authorizes the following to request legal services on matters pertaining to Clinton Township Board of Education matters:

- Board President
- Superintendent
- School Business Administrator/Board Secretary
- Director of Special Services

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the above list of those authorized to request legal services will do so in a manner that complies with the districts mandatory policy 0174 - Legal Service.

O.24**APPROVE MEMBERSHIP IN NEW JERSEY SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION AND HUNTERDON COUNTY SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Clinton Township Board of Education approves membership through June 30, 2024 in the New Jersey School Boards Association and the Hunterdon County School Boards Association.

O.25**TRAVEL LIMITATION FOR REGULAR BUSINESS TRAVEL**

WHEREAS, P.L. 2007, Chapter 53, approved March 15, 2007, requires that school district travel expenditures include, but are not limited to, all costs for transportation, meals, lodging and registration or conference fees to and from the travel event; and

WHEREAS, P.L. 2007, Chapter 53, requires school district travel expenditures to include costs for all required training and all travel authorized in existing school district employee contracts and school board policies, including but not limited to professional development and other staff training, required training for new school board members, and attendance at specific conferences, authorized in existing employee contracts; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Clinton Township Board of Education establishes by resolution a maximum travel expenditure amount of \$75,000 for all funds including federal funds through fiscal year ending June 30, 2024;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that pursuant to the provisions of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.3(b), an annual maximum amount per employee will not exceed \$1,500 for regular business travel only, for which prior Board approval is not required.

O.26**AUTHORIZE COOPERATIVE PRICING AGREEMENTS WITH OTHER LEA's**

WHEREAS, the Clinton Township Board of Education authorizes administration to enter into cooperative pricing agreements with:

- Educational Services Commission of New Jersey (ESCNJ)
- Educational Services Commission of Morris County
- Morris County Cooperative Council
- NJSBA Cooperative Pricing System
- PEPPM Technology Bidding and Purchasing Program
- Somerset County Cooperative Pricing System
- Sussex County Regional Cooperative
- The Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission

WHEREAS, these agencies conduct a certain function relating to the purchase of work materials and supplies for their respective jurisdictions the school year ending June 30, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Clinton Township Board of Education encourages the use of shared services through State approved cooperative entities; and

WHEREAS, the Clinton Township Board of Education encourages open public bidding for goods and services; and

WHEREAS, the Clinton Township Board of Education recognizes the need for obtaining the most competitive and responsive bid for goods and/or services; and

WHEREAS, the agencies are cooperative pricing systems which allow participating governmental and municipal agencies to reduce the cost of purchased goods by leveraging their combined purchasing power at no cost; and

WHEREAS, this resolution shall be known and may be cited as the Cooperative Pricing resolution of the Clinton Township Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, the agencies entering into contracts on behalf of the Clinton Township Board of Education shall be responsible for complying with the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J. S. 40A:11-1 et seq.) and all other provisions of the revised statutes of the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A.-40A:11-11(5) the Clinton Township Board of Education is hereby authorized to enter into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement with the listed agencies for the purchase of work materials and supplies, as needed; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Clinton Township Board of Education affirms that the Purchasing Agent is hereby authorized to enter into a cooperative pricing agreement with the following agencies for the purchase of work materials, supplies and services, through the school year ending June 30, 2024, as needed:

- Educational Services Commission of New Jersey (ESCNJ)
- Educational Services Commission of Morris County
- Morris County Cooperative Council
- PEPPM Technology Bidding and Purchasing Program
- Somerset County Cooperative Pricing System
- Sussex County Regional Cooperative
- The Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission

O.27

AUTHORIZATION OF PAYROLL MANAGEMENT

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Clinton Township Board of Education gives authorization to the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary to transfer funds from the general accounts to the net payroll and payroll agency accounts, as needed to provide for payment of payrolls and legal obligations in connection herewith, and to disburse funds from the net payroll and agency accounts to and on behalf of employees, all in a manner consistent with law and the contractual obligations between the Board and its employees; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board President, Superintendent and School Business Administrator/Board Secretary shall certify each payroll as required by law.

O.28

AUTHORIZING USE OF A CONTINUING DISCLOSURE AGENT SERVICES & INDEPENDENT REGISTERED MUNICIPAL ADVISOR OF RECORD

WHEREAS, in order to ensure compliance with various Continuing Disclosure Agreements executed in conjunction with the district's issuance of bonds, the district must codify the requirements stipulated in those various Continuing Disclosure Agreements and compare those requirements with the filings, and correct any deficiencies; and

WHEREAS, Phoenix Advisors, LLC provides such continuing disclosure services and additionally is an independent registered principal advisor under the SEC regulations; and

WHEREAS, Phoenix Advisors, LLC designated as the district's Independent Registered Municipal Advisor and they will be available to answer general questions concerning outstanding debt issues, market conditions, and they will provide preliminary review of financing proposals, and prepare preliminary project analysis;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Clinton Township Board of Education designates the Phoenix Advisors, LLC as the district's Continuing Disclosure Agent and as the Independent Registered Municipal Advisor through the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024.

O.29

MANDATORY DIRECT DEPOSIT

WHEREAS, the New Jersey State Legislature has authorized P.L. 2013, Chapter 28, a bill concerning the direct deposit of net pay for school district employees in the banking institution of their choice; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with P.L. 2013, Chapter 28, if a board provides for such direct deposit, compliance by an employee shall be mandatory; and

WHEREAS, the board adopted Policy #6511 Mandating Direct Deposit; and

WHEREAS, the board is authorized to grant an exemption for seasonal, temporary, etc. employees with prior approval by the Superintendent, as the board may deem necessary;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, in compliance with P.L. 2013, Chapter 28, the net pay for all full and part time regular employees of the Clinton Township Board of Education which includes payments for annual contracts, extended school year, stipends and health benefit waivers shall be directly deposited from Investors/Citizens Bank, into the banking institution of the employee's choice; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that exemptions from the direct deposit requirement are granted for substitutes, summer seasonal workers and extreme circumstances with the approval of the Superintendent of Schools.

O.30

ORGANIZATION CHART

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Clinton Township Board of Education adopts the Organizational Chart as per Policy #1110.

O.31

APPOINT POLICY PROVIDER SERVICE

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Clinton Township Board of Education will utilize the services of Strauss Esmay for the District's Policies through June 30, 2024 school year.

O.32**SPECIAL EDUCATION**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Clinton Township Board of Education approve the attendance, tuition, tuition contracts and the transportation necessary, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, to provide an appropriate educational program at public, private or appropriate educational program at public, private or residential schools for students classified as handicapped by the district's Child Study Team in accordance with Title 18A, Chapter 46, N.J.S.A.

O.33**FEE FOR COPIES OF PUBLIC DOCUMENTS**

BE IT RESOLVED, the Clinton Township Board of Education hereby establishes a photocopy fee of five cents (\$0.05) per page for letter size pages and a photocopy fee of seven cents (\$0.07) per page for legal size pages in accordance with policy #8310; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that other materials, delivery and special service charges will be charged at the cost to the district; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary can waive a fee up to \$5.00 per request; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all requests for public information which requires employee time shall be provided at the hourly rate(s) of the employee(s) assigned to produce that public information.

O.34**CODE OF CONDUCT FOR REMOTE MEETINGS**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Clinton Township Board of Education will follow the New Jersey School Boards Association Code of Conduct for Remote Meetings in accordance with Policy 0164.6 - Remote Public Board Meeting During a Declared Emergency.

O.35**APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT OF CLAIMS USING EFT TECHNOLOGIES**

WHEREAS, in accordance with Policy 6470.01 - Electronic Funds Transfer and Claimant Certification, the Board of Education permits the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary to use standard electronic funds transfer (EFT) technologies for payment of claims; and

WHEREAS, Policy 6470.01 further states that the board shall provide annual authorizations on individuals processing EFT's and to which types of payments can be processed through EFT's;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary shall be designated the person responsible to initiate a claim for payment using an EFT method; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Superintendent of Schools shall review the claim for payment initialized by the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary and authorize in writing the claim can be processed using the EFT method; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, all EFT activity reports shall be submitted and reviewed by the Treasurer of School Monies and shall perform a monthly reconciliation of the reviewed/approved weekly EFT activity reports of the EFT transactions appearing on the bank statements and in the accounting records;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the board approves that the standard EFT technologies can be used for the payment of claims for the following types of payments:

- Principal and interest payments.
- Payroll agency payments.
- Payroll payments.
- Payments to the state of New Jersey or a subdivision thereof.
- Payments the federal government or a subdivision thereof.

O.36

PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS, TRANSFERS, REMOVALS, RENEWALS AND NON-RENEWALS

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 18A:27-4.1 governs the appointment, transfer, removal, renewal and non-renewal of all certified and certain non-certified personnel; and

WHEREAS, it is in the District's best interests to effectuate the prompt employment of staff in certain programs;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Superintendent of Schools is authorized to make critical employment decisions between board meetings which the Clinton Township Board of Education shall ratify at the next subsequent board meeting; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board President, Board Secretary, and Board Counsel are hereby authorized to execute any and all documents and to take any and all actions necessary to complete and realize the intent and purpose of this resolution.

Board of Education Roll Call Vote on O.3 through O.36

	Dr. Blumenfeld	Ms. Brennan	Ms. Creighton	Ms. Emery	Mr. Fernandes	Mr. Hornick	Ms. Kaltenbach	Dr. Riihimaki	Mr. Rosa
Motion				Motioned	2nd				
Aye	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Nay									
Abstain									
Absent									X

- Dr. Riihiamki commented on the Hunterdon County School Boards Association

**8 Yes Votes, 1 Absent
Motion Carries**

SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS:

Ms. Brennan invited Dr. Stager to speak. Dr. Stager spoke about the opening of the Preschool Program, upcoming district events and in-progress work on the 24-25 budget.

SECOND RECOGNITION OF THE PUBLIC:

Ms. Brennan asked if anybody was interested in speaking to the board and there were no requests made to speak from the public in attendance.

ADJOURNMENT:

Action 24-AJ-011

Motion made by Dr. Riihimaki, seconded by Ms. Emery, to adjourn the meeting of the Clinton Township Board of Education at 7:17 p.m.

By Consensus - 8 Ayes, 1 Absent

NEXT MEETING DATES

January 22, 2024	June 24, 2024	October 21, 2024
March 11, 2024	July 25, 2024 *	December 9, 2024
April 29, 2024	August 12, 2024	January 2, 2025 **
June 3, 2024	September 9, 2024	

* Board Retreat

** Organization Meeting

Respectfully submitted,



Dr. Gretchen Dempsey
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary