

**CLINTON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Regular Meeting – April 11, 2005

TIME AND PLACE: A regular meeting of the Board of Education was held on April 11, 2005, by the Board of Education of the Clinton Township School District, Hunterdon County, in the All Purpose Room of the Round Valley Middle School, 128 Cokesbury Road, Lebanon, New Jersey 08833.

**PUBLICATION OF
NOTICE:**

In accordance with the provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, Laws of 1975, the Clinton Township Board of Education has provided adequate notice of the date, time, and location of this meeting. Such notice has been posted in the Clinton Township Board of Education Office and each of the district schools, has been filed with the Clinton Township Clerk, and was faxed to the *Hunterdon County Democrat, Hunterdon Review, Courier News, Star Ledger and Express Times* on Monday, April 4, 2005.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Board President Thomas Marron at 7:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Present:	Thomas Marron, President	Patricia Schwartz
	Sandra Kotter, Vice-President	Roger Straight
	Jeannine Gorman	Christopher Yula
	Elaine Mayat	Kevin Cosgrove

Absent: Robert Sabattis

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATORS

PRESENT: Elizabeth A. Nastus, Chief School Administrator
Daria A. Wasserbach, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

CHIEF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR

REPORT: Along with her written report, Dr. Nastus thanked parents, teachers and students and administrators for their cooperation during the lockdown of the schools last week.

At this point of the meeting, appreciation and recognition was given to Jeannine Gorman for her time and services to the Board of Education.

A farewell video (prepared by Frank Ippolito and Cindy Pope) was shown.

Antje Doyle presented Jeannine Gorman with a copy of a Resolution proclaiming April 11, 2005 – Jeannine Gorman Day in Clinton.

Tom Marron presented Jeannine with a School Board plaque.

Dr. Nastus presented Jeannine with a portrait of the Little Red Schoolhouse.

Frank Ippolito presented Jeannine with a copy of the video shown earlier.

Tom Marron reiterated Jeannine’s accomplishments and thanked her again for her time and services as a Board member.

Jeannine Gorman spoke on her experiences as a school board member. The Board then took a break to enjoy refreshments at 8:20 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Resolved by the Board of Education of Clinton Township as per Chapter 231, P. L. 1975:

- a. That it is hereby determined that it is necessary to meet in Executive Session on Monday, April 11, 2005 to discuss personnel.*
- b. The matter discussed will be made public if and when confidentiality is no longer required and action pursuant to said discussion shall take place only at a public meeting.*
- c. Length of meeting thought to be approximately 30 minutes.*

Moved by Mr. Cosgrove, seconded by Mr. Straight. On a roll call vote motion was approved to move to Executive Session at 8:40 p.m.

PUBLIC

Lorrie Weaver – Read a statement regarding the atmosphere (morale) at Spruce Run School, staff training, inclusion teams, respect, visibility of administration, staff appreciation and staff contract renewals.

Star Ann Kloberdanz – Applauded Lorrie for sharing her convictions. Supported her comments without reservation and asked that the climate and culture at Spruce Run School be looked into.

SECRETARY’S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

Mrs. Wasserbach reminded everyone of the School Election which will be held on Tuesday, April 19, 2005 from 3:00 p.m. She also mentioned that Absentee Ballots and walk-ins are due by Monday April 18, 2005.

**REPORT OF SECRETARY AND
REPORT OF TREASURER:**

Action 05-363

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.12 (d), I certify that as of January 31, 2005 no budgetary line item account has been overexpended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.12 (a)**

Daria A. Wasserbach, Board Secretary

Monday, April 11, 2005

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:20 (e), we certify that as of January 31, 2005 respectively after review of the secretary's monthly financial report (appropriations section) and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials that to the best of our knowledge no major account or fund has been expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.12 (a)* and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.*

Moved by Mr. Marron, seconded by Mrs. Mayat. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED to approve the Board Secretary Report and Report of the Treasurer for the month of January 2005.

OLD BUSINESS: Congratulations to the following who were recognized as Teacher of the Year for 2005: Roberta Grambor (SRS), Debra Tackney (PMS) and Kerry Mueller RVMS).

FINANCE/FACILITIES: Christopher Yula, Sandra Kotter, Thomas Marron

Action 05-364

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves payment of bills in the amount of \$251,565.28.

Moved by Mr. Yula, seconded by Mrs. Kotter. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED.

Action 05-365

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the following Capital III payments:

<i>Spiezle Architectural Group (New Middle School)</i>	<i>\$21,021.76</i>
<i>Hunter Research (New Middle School-Cultural Resource)</i>	<i>5,661.50</i>
<i>Wachovia Bank (Fiduciary communications)</i>	<i>4,699.60</i>

Moved by Mr. Yula, seconded by Mrs. Kotter. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED.

Action 05-366

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the 2005-2006 Agreements between Clinton Township School District and Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission for Chapters 192-193 and Chapter 226 Nursing Agreement.

Moved by Mr. Yula, seconded by Mrs. Kotter. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED.

Action 05-367

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the following amendments to the 2004-2007 Agreement Between The Clinton Township Board of Education and The Clinton Township Education Association:

Article XI Grievance Procedure:

As printed it reads: E7. "The decision of the arbitrator shall be submitted to the Board and binding on both parties."

It should read:

*E7. "The decision of the arbitrator shall be submitted to the Board **and the Association** and binding on both parties.*

Article XII Leaves and Absences

As printed, it reads: 9. Child Care Leaves a. Child care leave is available to eligible employees either through the Federal Leave Act, New Jersey Family Leave Act, or....."

It should read:

*9. Child Care Leaves a. Child Care leave is available to eligible employees through the Federal **Family** Leave Act, New Jersey Family Leave Act, or...."*

Moved by Mr. Yula, seconded by Mrs. Kotter. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED.

Action 05-368

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the rate of parental transportation in accordance with the ESC hour rate for bus drivers (\$14.60 per hour) and the IRS mileage rate (\$.405 per mile) for the 2005-2006 school year.

Moved by Mr. Yula, seconded by Mrs. Kotter. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED.

Action 05-369

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education accepts a check in the amount of \$1,110.00 from the Clinton Township Foundation For Excellence the second grade program called "Putting Our 'Arts Into Field Trips."

Moved by Mr. Yula, seconded by Mrs. Kotter. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED.

Mr. Marron announced that the addendum to the Clinton Township Middle School bid would be released tomorrow. He stated the bidders are preparing for the April 22nd opening of the bids and possible award of the contract could take place on April 25, 2005. It was also expected that the Historic Study would be completed by April 13, 2005.

PERSONNEL/NEGOTIATIONS – Jeannine Gorman, Patricia Schwartz, Roger Straight

Action 05-370

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves James Van Arsdale as a teaching assistant (replacement for Jennifer Kepniss) for the 2004-2005 school year at a salary of \$16,957 (BA, Step 1) effective April 5, 2005.

Moved by Ms. Gorman, seconded by Mr. Straight. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED.

Action 05-371

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the employment of Kimberly Hall as a teacher for the 2005-2006 school (replacement of Lorrie Weaver) at a salary of \$43,640 (MA in F, Step 2) effective September 1, 2005.

Moved by Ms. Gorman, seconded by Mr. Straight. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED.

Action 05-372

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of approves the following teachers for to teach family and parent education programs.

Reading Strategies

<i>Cathy Fasano</i>	<i>2.5 hrs. (1 session) @ \$25/hr. =</i>	<i>\$62.50</i>
<i>Sue Farnham</i>	<i>2.5 hrs. (1 session) @ \$25/hr =</i>	<i>\$62.50</i>
<i>Julie Snee</i>	<i>2.5 hrs. (1 session) @ \$25/hr. =</i>	<i>\$62.50</i>
<i>Kathleen Merrigan</i>	<i>2.5 hrs. (1 session) @ \$25/hr. =</i>	<i>\$62.50</i>

Moved by Ms. Gorman, seconded by Mr. Straight. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED.

Action 05-373

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves granting a Child Rearing Leave of Absence to Karen H. Sinagra for the 2005-2006 school year effective September 1, 2005.

Moved by Ms. Gorman, seconded by Mr. Straight. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED.

Action 05-374

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education acknowledges Michelle DiGiovanni's return to work from Leave of Absence effective April 4, 2005.

Moved by Ms. Gorman, seconded by Mr. Straight. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED.

Action 05-375

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education acknowledges Jennifer Evans return to the position of teaching assistant (previously Michelle DiGiovanni's replacement) effective April 4, 2005.

Moved by Ms. Gorman, seconded by Mr. Straight. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED.

Action 05-376

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education accepts with regret the resignation of Melanie B. Bigsby effective June 30, 2005.

Moved by Ms. Gorman, seconded by Mr. Straight. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED.

Action 05-377

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education accepts with regret the resignation of Cassandra Rischawy effective June 30, 2005.

Moved by Ms. Gorman, seconded by Mr. Straight. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED.

Action 05-378

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education accepts with regret the resignation of Christine Ritt effective June 30, 2005.

Moved by Ms. Gorman, seconded by Mr. Straight. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED.

Action 05-379

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education accepts with regret the resignation of Juliette Romano effective June 30, 2005.

Moved by Ms. Gorman, seconded by Mr. Straight. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED.

Action 05-380

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education accepts with regret the resignation of Kristin Schenkel effective June 30, 2005.

Moved by Ms. Gorman, seconded by Mr. Straight. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED.

Action 05-381

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education accepts with regret the resignation of Meg Fornaro effective June 30, 2005.

Moved by Ms. Gorman, seconded by Mr. Straight. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED.

Action 05-382

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education accepts with regret the resignation of Adrienne Harpster effective June 30, 2005.

Moved by Ms. Gorman, seconded by Mr. Straight. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED.

Action 05-383

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education accepts with regret the resignation of Jessica Kaye effective June 30, 2005.

Moved by Ms. Gorman, seconded by Mr. Straight. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED.

Action 05-384

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education accepts with regret the resignation of Star Ann Kloberdanz effective June 30, 2005.

Moved by Ms. Gorman, seconded by Mr. Straight. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED.

Action 05-385

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education accepts with regret the resignation of Rachael Oliva effective June 30, 2005.

Moved by Ms. Gorman, seconded by Mr. Straight. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED.

Action 05-386

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education accepts with regret the resignation of Kimberly Sandorff effective June 30, 2005.

Moved by Ms. Gorman, seconded by Mr. Straight. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED.

Action 05-387

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education accepts with regret the resignation of Erin M. Sutherland effective June 30, 2005.

Moved by Ms. Gorman, seconded by Mr. Straight. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED.

Action 05-388

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education accepts with regret the resignation of Ginger Coffin effective June 30, 2005.

Moved by Ms. Gorman, seconded by Mr. Straight. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED.

POLICY/CURRICULUM – Jeannine Gorman, Patricia Schwartz, Roger Straight

Nothing to report at this time.

COMMUNICATIONS/N.J.S.B.A. – Elaine Mayat, Kevin Cosgrove, Robert Sabattis

Nothing to report at this time.

RECOGNITION OF THE PUBLIC

No one wished to speak at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Marron reminded everyone of the “Guys and Dolls” performance at Round Valley Middle School on April 14, 15 and 16th.

Elaine Mayat is investigating community notifications of emergencies and Monday evening “Get out and vote!” phone calls.

ADJOURNMENT

Action 05-389

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education adjourns the regular meeting at 9:30 p.m.

Moved by Mrs. Mayat, seconded by Ms. Gorman.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Daria A. Wasserbach
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary*

*Thomas P. Marron
Board President*