

**CLINTON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Regular Meeting – May 23, 2005

TIME AND PLACE: A regular meeting of the Board of Education was held on May 23, 2005, by the Board of Education of the Clinton Township School District, Hunterdon County, in the Library 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 Tuesday, May 3, 2005.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Board President Roger Straight at 7:35 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Present:	Thomas Marron	Patricia Schwartz
	Kevin Cosgrove	Roger Straight-President
	Sandra Kotter	Christopher Yula
	Elaine Mayat-Vice President	Margaret Connors

Absent: Robert Sabattis

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATORS

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

CHIEF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR

REPORT: Dr. Nastus submitted a written report to the Board members. Dr. Nastus also reported on the dissatisfaction with the Charter Bus Company on the class trip to Hershey Park. She also mentioned the Internet Safety workshop. Dr. Nastus then introduced Michael Post, Principal of Spruce Run School. Mr.

Post then introduced Ms. Hodulik and Ms. Jacobsen who gave a presentation on More Ducks Rule at Spruce Run School. The project is funded by the Clinton Township Education Foundation.

PUBLIC

Bernadine Geffert – spoke on teacher attrition.
Jim Schumacher – spoke on teacher exit survey, anonymous survey.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

No minutes to approve at this meeting.

SECRETARY’S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

Mrs. Wasserbach reported that the preliminary audit would be held the week of June 6, 2005.

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

Action 05-465

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 March 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, May 23, 2005

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:20 (e), we certify that as of June 30, 2004 and July 31, 2004 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. Straight, seconded by Mr. Marron. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED to approve the Board Secretary Report and Report of the Treasurer for the month of March 2005.

Mrs. Wasserbach stated that the Preliminary Audit would be held the week of June 6, 2005.

OLD BUSINESS: Mrs. Wasserbach reported that the RFP’s were sent out for vending machines in the schools. Also the need to restructure the Finance Committee was brought up.

Action 05-466

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the restructure of the Finance Committee as follows:

*Thomas Marron – Chairperson, Facilities
Sandra Kotter – Chairperson, Finance
Christopher Yula – Member*

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

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

Action 05-467

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves payment of bills in the amount of \$916,932.31.

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

Action 05-468

RESOLUTION

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

<i>Hunter Research (New Middle School)</i>	<i>\$11,242.25</i>
<i>Schoor DePalma (New Middle School)</i>	<i>\$748.00</i>
<i>Schoor DePalma (New Middle School)</i>	<i>\$1,780.00</i>

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

Action 05-469

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of approves the professional services contract for the 2005-2006 school year between William M. Colantano and the Clinton Township Board of Education.

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

Action 05-470

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves acceptance of funds totaling \$36,542 from No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Fiscal Year 2005, Titles IIA, IV, and V.

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

Action 05-471

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education accepts Hunter Research's May 13, 2005 proposal for Archaeological Monitoring Services and Historic American Building Survey Recording as per the stipulations of the NJ State Historic Preservation Office (NJSHP) totaling \$19,900 (including contingencies).

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

Action 05-472

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves Paul Barger as special legal counsel.

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

Action 05-473

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the following resolution to reject the bids for the renovations at Spruce Run, Round Valley Middle and Patrick McGaheran Schools:

WHEREAS the solicitation of bids for renovations at the Spruce Run, Round Valley and Patrick McGaheran schools yielded the following results:

- 1. Grafas Painting Contractors
20 East Willow Street
Millburn, NJ 07041
Lump Sum Price \$2,670,000.00*

- 2. DeSapio Construction
280 Ridge Road
Frenchtown, NJ 08825
Lump Sum Price \$3,464,640.00*

3. *The Bennett Company*
148 Dayton Avenue
Passaic, NJ 07055
Lump Sum Price \$3,680,000.00

4. *Fletcher-Harlee Corporation*
240 New York Drive, Suite 2
Fort Washington, PA 19034
Lump Sum Price \$3,696,800.00

5. *Brockwell and Carrington*
40 Galesi Drive
Wayne, NJ 07470
Lump Sum Price \$4,440,000.00

WHEREAS, Grafas Painting Contractors, the apparent low bidder, advised the Board on May 20, 2005 that it was formally withdrawing its bid;

WHEREAS, the Board, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-22 has determined that based upon cost estimates prepared for the Board of Education prior to advertising, the cost of the bids were excessive;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education rejects all bids for the renovations at the Spruce Run, Round Valley and Patrick McGaheran schools;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education shall immediately re-advertise for bids for the renovations at the Spruce Run, Round Valley and Patrick McGaheran schools.

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

Action 05-474

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves PMK – Asbestos Management Services not to exceed \$14,750.

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

Mr. Marron spoke on historical study requirements and escalating costs.

PERSONNEL/NEGOTIATIONS – Robert Sabattis, Kevin Cosgrove, Patricia Schwartz

Action 05-475

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves Frances W. Lee as a Grade 7 Special Education teacher (replacement for Adrienne Harpster) for the 2005-2006 school year at a salary of \$44,605 (MA in F, Step 4) effective September 1, 2005.

Moved by Mrs. Schwartz, seconded by Mrs. Mayat. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED.

Action 05-476

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves Claire Bennett as a substitute teacher for the 2004-2005 school year.

Moved by Mrs. Schwartz, seconded by Mrs. Mayat. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED.

Action 05-477

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education accepts with regret the resignation of Eileen Yacullo as a Cafeteria Aide effective June 30, 2005

Moved by Mrs. Schwartz, seconded by Mrs. Mayat. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED.

Action 05-478

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves Sherry Ann Bobal as Secretary to the Superintendent (replacement for Susan Olivo) for the 2005-2006 school year at a salary of \$55,000, pro-rated as of August 1, 2005.

Moved by Mrs. Schwartz, seconded by Mrs. Mayat. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED.

Action 05-479

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves re-employment of Jeremy Fields as seasonal custodian at a rate of \$10 per hour, effective May 19, 2005.

Moved by Mrs. Schwartz, seconded by Mrs. Mayat. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED.

Action 05-480

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the 2005/2006 re-appointments of the non-certificated CTSD Staff (Administrative Support Staff, Lunch Aides, Technology Custodian/Maintenance, and TA's) as per the attached list, and in accordance with the negotiated agreement.

Moved by Mrs. Schwartz, seconded by Mrs. Mayat. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED.

Action 05-481

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the revised employment contracts for Jane O'Donnell, Teaching Assistant, retroactive to date of hire, September 1, 2003, as follows:

*2003/2004 – Step OG2, BA - \$30,300
2004/2005 – Step OG2, BA - \$30,800*

Moved by Mrs. Schwartz, seconded by Mrs. Mayat. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED.

Action 05-482

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the revise employment contracts for Mary Dempsey, Teaching Assistant, retroactive to date of hire, September 1, 2003, as follows:

*2003/2004 - .2, Step 11, BA - \$4,685
2004/2005 - .5, Step 12, BA - \$11,951*

Moved by Mrs. Schwartz, seconded by Mrs. Mayat. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED.

Mr. Cosgrove stated that the Administrative Contract would be presented at the next meeting for approval.

POLICY/CURRICULUM – Patricia Schwartz, Margaret Connors, Robert Sabattis, Roger Straight

Action 05-483

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the tuition contract between Stepping Stone School and Clinton Township Board of Education for one student (5C) for

the 2005-2006 school year at a per diem cost of \$187.40 per day commencing on July 6, 2005.

Moved by Mrs. Schwartz, seconded by Mr. Cosgrove. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED.

Mrs. Schwartz stated that revisions would be made to the Building Use Regulations. She asked for any comments for the revisions and that the Regulation will be amended for approval on June 10, 2005.

COMMUNICATIONS/N.J.S.B.A. – Elaine Mayat, Margaret Connors, Kevin Cosgrove

A draft of the Development of Policy for Violence/Vandalism reporting will be e-mailed to the Board.

Mrs. Mayat stated that the Board of Education meeting for the summer would be held at the Spruce Run School.

Mrs. Mayat reported on the New Jersey School Boards Association Delegate Assembly that she and Mr. Straight attended.

Dr. Nastus reported on the groundbreaking ceremony for the new school which is scheduled for June 10, 2005 at 9:30 a.m. at the Johnson Farm and that Educational Services Commission will provide the transportation. She also stated that Debbie Paragone would be responsible for student invites.

It was announced that the Board of Education retreat is scheduled for June 14, 2005 at 12:00 noon.

RECOGNITION OF THE PUBLIC

Mrs. Mayat invited everyone to attend the Internet Safety Workshop.

NEW BUSINESS Nothing to report at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Action 05-484

RESOLUTION

Motion by Mr. Cosgrove, seconded by Mr. Straight and carried in a roll call vote to move to Executive Session at 9:00 p.m.

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, May 23, 2005 to discuss historical grants.*
- 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 ten minutes.*

Motion by Mrs. Mayat, seconded by Mr. Marron and carried to return to the regular session at 9:10 p.m.

Discussion on historical grants followed Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

Action 05-485

RESOLUTION

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

Moved by Mrs. Mayat, seconded by Mr. Marron.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Roger Straight
Board President*

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