

**CLINTON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Regular Meeting – October 17, 2005

TIME AND PLACE: A regular meeting of the Board of Education was held on October 17, 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 Thursday, October 6, 2005.

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

Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Present:	Roger Straight-President	Patricia Schwartz
	Robert Sabattis	Christopher Yula
	Donna Gregory	Sandra Kotter
	Margaret Connors	Thomas Marron
	Elaine Mayat	

Absent:

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATORS

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

CHIEF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

Dr. Nastus introduced Vito Gagliardi, Dr. Beineman and Mr. Kirkland who presented the Feasibility Study. Each Board member asked questions of the presenters.

Action 05-747

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the following resolution:

***WHEREAS**, the high school students of Clinton Township have been educated, along with students from 11 other towns, at high schools maintained by the North Hunterdon/Voorhees Regional School District (“Regional District”) since the district’s inception; and*

***WHEREAS**, the Board of Education determined that it would be in the educational and financial interest of Clinton Township to examine, and perhaps pursue, certain options regarding the Regional District, most prominently a possible withdrawal by Clinton Township, which would allow it to become a K-12 district and operate the North Hunterdon facility for its students and students from other communities; and*

***WHEREAS**, after considering this issue, the Board of Education commissioned a preliminary feasibility study, which was authored by Dr. Donald Beineman, a former State Department of Education official with 50 years experience in education and 20 prior such studies to his credit, and James Kirtland, a CPA with extensive experience in the fiscal ramifications of deregionalization and 18 years’ experience as a board of education member; and*

***WHEREAS**, this preliminary feasibility study concluded that Clinton Township students could enjoy an educational program of equal or greater opportunity at the North Hunterdon facility for \$1.1 million less annually than it would cost to remain in the Regional District under the current financial structure if a third school is to be built; and*

***WHEREAS**, the Board of Education has reviewed this study carefully, and will discuss same with the residents of Clinton Township and with officials in the other constituent communities; and*

***WHEREAS**, the Board of Education believes that it is in the best interests of the residents of Clinton Township to pursue further an investigation as to the feasibility of withdrawal from the Regional District,*

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Clinton Township Board of Education, that it hereby applies to the Hunterdon County Superintendent of Schools for an investigation as to the advisability of withdrawal by Clinton Township from North Hunterdon/Voorhees Regional, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:13-51 *et seq.*; and*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that while, as a matter of law, this decision ultimately is resolved by public referendum, the Board of Education believes the issue should be given further, careful consideration before any decision is made to submit this matter to the public; and*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Education invites other communities served by the Regional District, with similar concerns, to join in this initiative; and*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education will employ the services of Vito A. Gagliardi, Jr., of Porzio Bromberg & Newman, P.C., at a rate schedule of \$110 per hour through \$225 per hour, as reflected in the firm's related retainer agreement, to take whatever action is appropriate to assist the Board in this endeavor.

Moved by Mr. Straight, seconded by Mr. Yula. On a roll call vote, resolution was ADOPTED with the following vote:

Mrs. Kotter – Nye	Mr. Marron - Aye
Mr. Sabattis – Nye	Mrs. Mayat - Aye
Mrs. Schwartz – Nye	Mr. Yula - Aye
Mrs. Connors –Nye	Mrs. Gregory - Aye
	Mr. Straight - Aye

PUBLIC

The following Clinton Township residents made comment with regard to the Feasibility Study:

Mrs. Pinkerton, Mr. Corcordillos, Richard Zaugg, David Levine, Patty Hutchinson, Kelly Wilder, Jim Schumacher, Jeannine Gorman, Martin Van Hoven, Barbara Walter, David Pyle, Bob Jones, Joe Eggert and Pete Marra.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Action 05-748

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on September 26, 2005.

Moved by Mrs. Schwartz, seconded by Mr. Straight. On a roll call vote, with Mrs. Kotter, Mr. Marron and Mrs. Mayat abstaining, resolution was ADOPTED.

Action 05-749

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the minutes of the Executive Meeting held on September 26, 2005.

Moved by Mr. Sabattis, seconded by Mr. Yula. On a roll call vote, with Mrs. Kotter, Mr. Marron and Mrs. Mayat abstaining, resolution was ADOPTED.

Action 05-750

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves amending the minutes of September 12, 2005 under Policy/Curriculum to accept Clinton Township School District School Objectives for the 2005-2006 school year.

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

SECRETARY'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE Nothing to report at this time.

REPORT OF SECRETARY AND REPORT OF TREASURER: No report at this time.

OLD BUSINESS: Nothing to report at this time.

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

Action 05-751 **RESOLUTION**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves payment of bills in the amount of \$348,804.74.

Motion by Mrs. Kotter, seconded by Mr. Straight. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED.

Action 05-752 **RESOLUTION**

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

<i>Spiezle Group, Inc. (CTMS)</i>	<i>\$16,581.39</i>
<i>Spiezle Group, Inc. (RVMS Renov.)</i>	<i>\$3,090.07</i>
<i>Spiezle Group, Inc. (PMS Renov.)</i>	<i>\$3,506.07</i>
<i>Hunter Research (CTMS Archaeological Monitoring)</i>	<i>\$1,485.00</i>
<i>Atlantic Engineering Labs (CTMS Soil Inspection)</i>	<i>\$4,966.52</i>
<i>Turner Construction Company (Sept.)</i>	<i>\$23,000.00</i>
<i>Supra Products (CTMS)</i>	<i>\$348.74</i>

Motion by Mrs. Kotter, seconded by Mr. Straight. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED.

Action 05-753 **RESOLUTION**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the submission of the 2005 Long Range Facilities Plan to the New Jersey Department of Education for review and approval, and to approve submission of same to the Clinton Township Planning Board for review and comment.

Motion by Mrs. Kotter, seconded by Mr. Straight. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED.

Action 05-754

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education accepts the donation of a universal gym to the Round Valley Middle School at an estimated value of \$1,500.

Motion by Mrs. Kotter, seconded by Mr. Straight. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED.

Action 05-755

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves purchasing a five-year Extended Discovery Option from Utica Insurance in the amount of \$27,818.

Motion by Mrs. Kotter, seconded by Mr. Straight. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED.

Mr. Marron commented on the following: final plumbing approval at Patrick McGaheran School; administration space is close to completion; Wastewater Treatment Plan bid specs; Clinton Township Middle School demolition permit for the dairy barn and Windy Acres proposal – Planning Board Chairman Jim Imbriaco will be at the November 24, 2005 meeting to answer questions from the Board.

PERSONNEL/NEGOTIATIONS – Robert Sabattis, Patricia Schwartz, Roger Straight

Action 05-756

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the employment of Tracy Menzie as a School Psychologist (replacement for Beverly Nolan) for the 2004-2005 school year at a salary of \$61,070 (Doctorate, Step 11) effective October 31, 2005.

Motion by Mr. Sabattis, seconded by Mrs. Schwartz. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED.

Action 05-757

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the employment of Ben J. Cozin as a Special Education teacher (maternity replacement for Laurie Chiodo) for the 2004-2005 school year at a salary of \$40,125 (MA, Step 1) effective November 7, 2005.

Motion by Mr. Sabattis, seconded by Mrs. Schwartz. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED.

Action 05-758

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the employment of Wendy Senatra as a Special Education teacher (maternity replacement for Kerry Mueller) for the 2004-2005 school year at a salary of \$40,125 (MA, Step 1) effective January 2, 2006.

Motion by Mr. Sabattis, seconded by Mrs. Schwartz. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED.

Action 05-759

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the employment of Martine Carter as a Lunch/Recess Aide (replacement for Anne McKenna) for the 2004-2005 school year at a salary of \$11.85/hr. effective October 11, 2005.

Motion by Mr. Sabattis, seconded by Mrs. Schwartz. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED.

Action 05-760

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves Douglas Higgins as a substitute teacher for the 2005-2006 school year.

Motion by Mr. Sabattis, seconded by Mrs. Schwartz. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED.

Action 05-761

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves Darlene Ross as a substitute teacher for the 2005-2006 school year.

Motion by Mr. Sabattis, seconded by Mrs. Schwartz. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED.

Action 05-762

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves Patricia Schaal as a substitute teacher for the 2005-2006 school year.

Motion by Mr. Sabattis, seconded by Mrs. Schwartz. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED.

Action 05-763

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education grants an unpaid Family Leave of

Absence to Stacy Stergio for the 2005-2006 school year.

Motion by Mr. Sabattis, seconded by Mrs. Schwartz. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED.

Action 05-764

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the following coaches, chaperones, intramural/club sponsors at the salaries indicated for the 2005-2006 school year; stipends are in accordance with the negotiated Agreement.

Interscholastic Sports

Athletic Coordinator	Ursula Wooley	\$5,000
Soccer coach/boys	Scott Annan	\$1,700
Soccer coach/girls	Paul Cucciniello	\$2,000
Volleyball	Pauline Glowatz	\$2,000
Cross-country	Patricia Comly	\$2,350
Cross-country/assistant	James Van Arsdale	\$1,775
Basketball/boys	Paul Cucciniello	\$3,500
Basketball/boys/assistant	Donald Helmstetter	\$1,900
Basketball/girls	Scott Annan	\$2,525
Basketball/girls/assistant	Pauline Glowatz	\$2,225
Cheerleading	Dawn Hauck	\$1,875
Baseball	Rich Tarriff	\$1,000
	Don Helmstetter	\$ 850
Softball	Tara Solovay	\$1,700

Intramural Sports

Floor Hockey 7,8	Greg James	\$600
Field games/grade 6 (fall)	Terry Materna	\$600
Basketball/grade 6 (spring)	Kevin Rudolph	\$900
Cheerleading/grade 6 (spring)	Dawn Hauck	\$600
Track/grades 6,7,8 (spring)	James Van Arsdale	\$600

Clubs

Art	JoEllen Grauerholz	\$ 600
Beautification	Joanne Lucariello	\$ 500
Dance	Ursula Wooley	\$1000
Eagle Stage Band	Patricia Hunt	\$ 750
Generation Brass	Patricia Hunt	\$ 750
Lab Band	Patricia Hunt	\$ 750
String Ensemble	Patricia Hunt	\$ 750
Region II/State Bands	Patricia Hunt	\$ 750

<i>Valley Ringers</i>	<i>Patricia Hunt</i>	\$ 750
<i>Camerata Singers</i>	<i>Richard Tarriff</i>	\$1,125
<i>Region II/State Choruses</i>	<i>Richard Tarriff</i>	\$ 500
<i>Destination Imagination</i>	<i>Judith Hammond</i>	\$750
<i>(1st team)</i>		
		\$225
<i>(per add. Team)</i>		
<i>Guitar</i>	<i>Mark Buschi</i>	\$ 750
<i>Life Skills</i>	<i>Janice Nuechterlein</i>	\$ 825
<i>Robotics Club</i>	<i>Christian Sloan</i>	\$1,000
<i>School Council</i>	<i>Judith Hammond</i>	\$ 800
	<i>Paul Cucciniello</i>	\$ 200
<i>Newspaper</i>	<i>Diane Cormican</i>	\$4,500
<i>Yearbook</i>	<i>Janice Nuechterlein</i>	\$1,600
	<i>Louise Miller</i>	\$1,600

Motion by Mr. Sabattis, seconded by Mrs. Schwartz. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED.

Action 05-765

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves Ashley Buchanan as a bus aide for 2 hours per school day for the 2005-2006 school year effective October 7, 2005 at an hourly rate of \$12.75.

Motion by Mrs. Kotter, seconded by Mrs. Schwartz. with Mr. Sabattis abstaining. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED.

POLICY/CURRICULUM – Patricia Schwartz, Donna Gregory, Roger Straight

Action 05-766

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves custodial Job Description (per attached).

Motion by Mrs. Schwartz, seconded by Mr. Straight. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED.

Action 05-767

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVD that the Board of Education approves the 2005-2006 Reading Recovery Contracts between the Bridgewater-Raritan Regional Board of Education and Clinton Township Board of Education in the amount of \$3,250.00.

Motion by Mrs. Schwartz, seconded by Mr. Straight. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED.

Action 05-768

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the agreement with Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission to administer Clinton Township Nonpublic School Individuals With Disabilities Education Act-B (IDEA-B) funds for the 2005-2006 school year.

Motion by Mrs. Schwartz, seconded by Mr. Straight. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED.

Action 05-769

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the Clinton Township Nurse's Plan for the 2005-2006 school year.

Motion by Mrs. Schwartz, seconded by Mr. Straight. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED.

Action 05-770

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves one student from RVMS (7C) to attend Stepping Stone School beginning 10/6/05 for the remainder of the 2005/06 school year.

Motion by Mrs. Schwartz, seconded by Mr. Straight. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED.

Action 05-771

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves one student from PMG (4B) to attend UMDNJ beginning 10/24/05 for the remainder of the 2005/06 school year.

Motion by Mrs. Schwartz, seconded by Mr. Straight. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED.

Action 05-772

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the Clinton Township School District Substance Abuse Prevention Program.

Motion by Mrs. Schwartz, seconded by Mr. Straight. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED.

Action 05-773

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves O.T. Inc. to provide

occupational services for one student (7C) in an out of district placement at the rate of \$68 per hour not to exceed four hours per month for the 2005/2006 school year, effective 10/18/05.

Motion by Mrs. Schwartz, seconded by Mr. Straight. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED.

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

Mrs. Gregory reported on the positive feedback on how the meeting was promoted regarding the feasibility study; the website for K-12 initiative and email address dedicated to K-12 initiative.

Dr. Nastus complimented the Committee for publicizing the meeting.

RECOGNITION OF THE PUBLIC

No one wished to speak at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Nothing to report at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

Action 05-774

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education adjourns the regular meeting at 11:45 p.m.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

*Roger Straight
Board President*

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