

**CLINTON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Regular Meeting – October 24, 2005

TIME AND PLACE: A regular meeting of the Board of Education was held on October 24, 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, October 18, 2005.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Board President Roger Straight at 7:40 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Present:	Roger Straight-President	Patricia Schwartz
	Robert Sabattis	Christopher Yula
	Donna Gregory	Sandra Kotter
	Margaret Connors (7:45 pm)	Thomas Marron
	Elaine Mayat	

Absent:

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATORS

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

PUBLIC Thomas Borkowski, Mayor of Clinton Township, addressed the Board of Education with updates on proposed Windy Acres settlement.

Action 05-775

RESOLUTION

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

WHEREAS, due to the state’s system for financially supporting local school districts, Clinton Township taxpayers bear 90% of the cost of funding the Clinton Township School District;

WHEREAS, increases in the number of residential housing units have a corresponding increase in the number of students who attend Clinton Township Schools;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Clinton Township Board of Education encourages the Clinton Township Mayor and Council to, whenever possible, limit the scope of any housing projects applied for within the township thereby minimizing the impact on the Clinton Township School District and the township’s taxpayers and to solicit and attract ratables that do not further burden the school system, while at the same time, spreading the cost of essential services across a broader tax base.

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

CHIEF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

Ad-hoc K-12 feasibility committee was established. The following Board members will serve on the committee: Roger Straight, Margo Connors, Sandra Kotter and Donna Gregory.

Dr. Nastus presented a plaque to Ben Hanafin in appreciation for service as chairman of the Clinton Township Foundation Chairman. She also presented Mr. Hanafin with a framed picture of the Little Red School House.

Dr. Elizabeth Nastus, Superintendent of Schools reported on all acts of vandalism that occurred in the 2004-2005 school year. Dr. Nastus also presented the district’s verified 2004-2005 violence and vandalism data submitted to the NJDOE under the EVVRS.

Dr. Nastus then recognized each of the district’s schools’ activities during the week of October 17-21, 2005, “Annual School Violence Awareness Week.”

Dr. Nastus then introduced Dr. Joanne Monroe and Diane Radwill who presented the October Report of Testing for 2005.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES No minutes to be approved at this meeting.

SECRETARY’S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

Mrs. Wasserbach indicated that there was no Treasurers Report for this meeting. She stated that William Colantano would be at the November board meeting to present the 2004-2005 audit report. With regards to the website for the Board of Education she stated that suggestions are welcome. She requested that committee mission statements, goals, etc. be sent for the website. Mrs. Wasserbach also stated that the website and Monster.com will be utilized for employment opportunities.

REPORT OF SECRETARY AND REPORT OF TREASURER:

No report at this time.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Yula reported on software management reports. Mrs. Wasserbach will ask for a written status on the Gray Rock Road improvements from Clinton Township.

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

Dr. Nastus reported on State Historic Preservation Office requirements for barn demolition and silt fencing.

Action 05-776

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves payment of bills in the amount of \$222,780.03.

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

Action 05-777

RESOLUTION

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

<i>Seacoast Builders Corporation</i>	<i>\$1,043,719.60</i>
<i>Atlantic Engineering Labs</i>	<i>\$5,752.80</i>
<i>Atlantic Engineering Labs</i>	<i>\$4,966.52</i>
<i>Grafas Painting</i>	<i>\$627,976.00</i>

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

Action 05-778

RESOLUTION

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

***MOTION TO REJECT THE BIDS FOR THE RENOVATIONS
AT WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT UPGRADE AT RVMS***

WHEREAS the solicitation of bids for the wastewater treatment plant improvements at the Round Valley School yielded the following results:

1. *A&J Construction Company*
5026 Industrial Road
Farmingdale, NJ 07727
Base Bid \$524,000.00

2. *Pact Two, LLC*
P.O. Box 74, 554 Route 31
Ringoes, NJ 08551
Base Bid \$425,000.00

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 was excessive; ***THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED***, that the Board of Education rejects all bids for the wastewater treatment plant upgrades at the Round Valley Middle School.

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

Action 05-779

RESOLUTION

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

WHEREAS the Clinton Township Board of Education solicited bids for the wastewater treatment plant improvements at the Round Valley School on two occasions;

WHEREAS, the Board determined on both occasions that based upon cost estimates prepared for the Board of Education prior to advertising, the cost of the bids were excessive;

WHEREAS the Clinton Township Board of Education, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-22 rejected such bids on September 26, 2005 and again on October 24, 2005.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5 c. the Board of Education shall notify each of the bidders submitting a bid rejected on October 24, 2005 of its intention to negotiate, and afford each bidder a reasonable opportunity to negotiate a contract for the wastewater treatment plant improvements at the Round Valley School.

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

Action 05-780 RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the following Foundation Grants for the 2005-2006 school year:

2005-2006 Foundation Small Grant Proposals

<u>Name of Grant</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Forward To Foundation</u>	<u>Approved Date / Amount</u>	
The Impact of Art	PMGS	EP – 5/31/05	10/6/05 - \$151.60	
School Museum	RVMS	EP – 5/31/05	10/6/05 - \$150.00	
Reflecting Reality: Teaching with Short Text	PMGS	EP – 8/30/05	9/6/05 - \$713.40	
A Year in the Life of Round Valley Middle School	RVMS	EP - 8/30/05	10/6/05 - \$1475.00	
Native American Culture, Music, Dance & Stories: From The Heart of Kenneth Little Hawk	SRS	EP - 9/29/05	10/6/05 - \$860.00	
Spruce Run Visits Outer Space \$1800.00	SRS	Delv'd to Foundation	10/6	10/6/05 -
Magic of 5-A Day	SRS	Email to Foundation	10/6	10/6/05 - \$400.00

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

Action 05-781 RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves Kathryn E. Murray 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 05-782 RESOLUTION

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

CLUBS

<i>Newspaper</i>	<i>Diane Cormican</i>	\$2,250
	<i>Craig Roberts</i>	\$2,250

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

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

Action 05-783 **RESOLUTION**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the following resolution approving the Comprehensive Maintenance Plan:

***WHEREAS** the Department of Education requires New Jersey School Districts to submit three-year maintenance plans documenting “required” maintenance activities for each of its public school facilities, and*

***WHEREAS** the required maintenance activities as listed in the attached document for the various school facilities of the Clinton Township School District are consistent with these requirements, and*

***WHEREAS** all past and planned activities are reasonable to keep school facilities open and safe for use or in their original condition and to keep their system warranties valid,*

***THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Clinton Township School District hereby authorizes the School Business Administrator to submit the attached Comprehensive Maintenance Plan for the Clinton Township School District in compliance with Department of Education requirements.*

Motion to approve the following resolution approving Addendum A:

***WHEREAS** the Clinton Township Board of Education has 3 projects identified in its 5-year Long Range Facility Plan that have not been initiated or advanced; and,*

***WHEREAS** the 3 projects have an estimated cost over the 5-year period of \$4,224,000; and,*

***WHEREAS** it is estimated that the district may be eligible for debt service or EDA Grant funds for these projects in the amount of \$1,689,600.*

Accordingly the estimated local share of these projects is \$2,534,400; and,

***WHEREAS** the local share in the amount of \$2,534,400 represents the maximum amount the Clinton Township School District may deposit in capital reserve for the 2005/2005 school year;*

***THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Clinton Township School District approves this statement as “Addendum A” and authorizes its*

submission to the Hunterdon County Department of Education as part of the 2005 QAAR.

Motion to approve the following resolution accepting the 2005 QAAR:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Clinton Township Board of Education accepts the 2005 Quality Annual Assurance Report (QAAR) and authorizes its submission to the Hunterdon County Superintendent.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the Clinton Township School Maintenance Budget Amount Worksheet (Form M-1) and the Detailed actual expenditure worksheet and authorizes its submission to the Hunterdon County Superintendent as part of the 2005 QAAR.

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

Action 05-784 RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the following resolution acknowledging the observation of 2005 “School Violence Awareness Week” October 17-21:

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 18A:17-46, N.J.A.C. 6A:16-5.2(a)4 and N.J.A.C. 6A:16-5.3(f); require that at a public hearing in October of each year, the superintendent of schools provide a report to the board of education on all acts of violence and vandalism which occurred in the school district during the previous school year;

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 18A:36-5.1 and N.J.A.C. 6A:16-5.2 designates October 17-21, 2005 as School Violence Awareness Week in the state of New Jersey.

WHEREAS, the Clinton Township School District has observed this week by organizing activities to prevent school violence, including, but not limited to, age-appropriate opportunities for student discussion on conflict resolution, issues of student diversity and tolerance;

WHEREAS, law enforcement personnel were invited to join members of the teaching staff in the discussions;

WHEREAS, programs designated to help recognize warning signs of school violence and to instruct on recommended conduct during an incident of school violence were provided for school employees;

WHEREAS, this public hearing is specifically conducted to fulfill the district's legal obligation to present school violence and vandalism information to the public and to conduct public hearings on the violence and vandalism report;

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:17-46 and N.J.A.C. 6A:16-5.3(a)4, the Superintendent has provided a presentation to the board of education at the public hearing on all acts of violence and vandalism which occurred during the previous school year, including a report on the district's verified violence and vandalism data submitted under the Electronic Violence and Vandalism Reporting System (EVVRS) to the NJDOE for the previous school year (2004-2005).

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accepts the Superintendent's public report on Violence and Vandalism and hereby authorizes the submission of a written transcript of this hearing containing a narrative of the content of the Superintendent's presentation; and the contents of all comments and/or discussion regarding the CSA's presentation or a written statement certifying that no dialogue transpired and no comments were made regarding the CSA's presentation to the New Jersey Department of Education.

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

Action 05-785 RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the first reading of following policies:

*Policy 6141.2 – Religion In The Schools
Policy 3541 - Transportation Routes and Services*

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

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

It was reported that the Feasibility Study as well as Questions and Answers pertaining to the Feasibility Study are posted on the website. This portion of the website is maintained by Donna Gregory.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Action 05-786 RESOLUTION

Motion by Mr. Sabattis, seconded by Mr. Straight and carried in a roll call vote that the Board of Education move to Executive Session at 10:20 p.m:

BE IT RESOLVED that 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, October 24, 2005 to discuss personnel matters.*
- 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.*

RECOGNITION OF THE PUBLIC

No one wished to speak at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Nothing to discuss at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

Action 05-787

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education adjourns the regular meeting at 10:35 p.m.

Moved by Mr. Sabattis, seconded by Mr. Straight.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Roger Straight
Board President*

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