

**CLINTON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**Regular Meeting – February 27, 2006**

**TIME AND PLACE:** A regular meeting of the Board of Education was held on February 27, 2006, 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 Wednesday, February 22, 2006.

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Roger Straight called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL:**

Present:	Sandra Kotter (7:32 p.m.)	Patricia Schwartz (8:10 p.m.)
	Donna Gregory (7:33 p.m.)	Robert Sabattis
	Margaret Connors	Christopher Yula
	Roger Straight	Elaine Mayat

Absent: Thomas Marron

**DISTRICT ADMINISTRATORS**

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

**PUBLIC** Rori Pipeling – Work Family Connection – commented on the parent satisfaction survey.  
Chuck Bogner – commented on the Preschool Lottery

**CHIEF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:**

Dr. Nastus submitted a written report to the Board members. The Preschool Lottery drawing took place for the 2006-2007 school year. Results of Lottery – Patrick McGaheran School - Carolyn Bodner, Patrick O’Connell, Tara Sangal, Jabob Stapleton Gianna St. Louis, Drew Ungaren, Jake Waddell and Estelle Yeung and Spruce Run School – Charles Bodner, Ethan Capone, Kelly Christenson, Bryan Hucke, Anna Importico, Matthew Lifshitz, Cecelia Ossi, Lucia Ossi, Benjamin Pawlowski, Matthew Saraceno.

Dr. Nastus noted that the 2006-2007 School Calendar will be included on the March 13, 2006 Agenda as an approval item.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Action 05-895 RESOLUTION**

*BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the minutes of the regular meeting held on January 9, 2006.*

*Motion by Mrs. Mayat, seconded by Mrs. Kotter. On a roll call vote, with Mrs. Connors and Mr. Yula abstaining, resolution was ADOPTED.*

**Action 05-896 RESOLUTION**

*BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the minutes of the Executive Session held on January 9, 2006.*

*Motion by Mrs. Kotter, seconded by Mrs. Mayat. On a roll call vote, with Mrs. Connors, Mr. Yula and Mr. Straight abstaining, resolution was ADOPTED.*

**Action 05-897 RESOLUTION**

*BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the minutes of the regular meeting held on January 23, 2006.*

*Motion by Mrs. Connors, seconded by Mrs. Kotter. On a roll call vote, with Mrs. Mayat abstaining, resolution was ADOPTED.*

**SECRETARY’S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE**

Mrs. Wasserbach reported on the Candidate Petitions received for the Board of Education and the 2006-2007 Budget calendar. Discussion then took place on the opening date for the Clinton Township Middle School (budget impact).

**Action 05-898**

**RESOLUTION**

*BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves delaying the opening of the new Clinton Township Middle School until September 2007.*

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

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

**Action 05-899**

**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 October 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, February 27, 2005*

*Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:20 (e)\*, we certify that as of October 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 Mrs. Connors, seconded by Mrs. Kotter. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED to approve the Board Secretary Report and Report of the Treasurer for the month of October 2005.*

**OLD BUSINESS:** Mr. Straight reported on the Board Presidents' meeting that he attended stating the main focus was on the feasibility of withdrawal from North Hunterdon/Voorhees High School.

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

**Action 05-900**

**RESOLUTION**

*BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves payment of bills (dated February 13, 2006) in the amount of \$607,563.82 and payment of bill in the amount of \$382,413.25.*

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

**Action 05-901**

**RESOLUTION**

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

<i>Grafas Painting Contractors, Inc.</i>	
<i>(App. #5 – RVMS/SRS/PMS)</i>	<i>\$45,064.00</i>
<i>Spiezle Group, Inc. (RVMS Renov.)</i>	<i>\$2,521.74</i>
<i>Spiezle Group, Inc. (PMS Renov.)</i>	<i>\$207.25</i>
<i>Spiezle Group, Inc. (CT New School)</i>	<i>\$16,560.72</i>
<i>Turner Construction (CT New School)</i>	<i>\$23,000.00</i>
<i>Atlantic Engineering Labs</i>	<i>\$1,088.60</i>
<i>Seacoast Builders Corp.</i>	<i>\$1,393,845.18</i>
<i>Hunterdon County Soil Conservation District</i>	<i><u>\$4,130.00</u></i>
<i>TOTAL</i>	<i>\$1,486,417.49</i>

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

**Action 05-902**

**RESOLUTION**

*BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves proposal from Spiezle Group, Inc. to develop the 2005 Long Range Facility Plan at a cost not to exceed \$6,800.00.*

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

**Action 05-903**

**RESOLUTION**

*BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves Potential Change Order for Grafas Painting Contractors in the amount of \$834.00 to provide an additional 600 SF of milling and paving as requested by Clinton Township School District.*

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

**Action 05-904**

**RESOLUTION**

*BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves Potential Change Order for Grafas Painting Contractors in the amount of \$811.00 to provide fire line striping at Spruce Run and Round Valley Middle School as requested by Clinton Township School District.*

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

**Action 05-905**

**RESOLUTION**

*BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves Potential Change Order for Seacoast Builders/K&R (3RR) in the amount of \$31,301.00 to demolish the masonry, concrete and foundation elements of the dairy barn.*

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

**Action 05-906**

**RESOLUTION**

*BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education accepts a donation of 720 Post-it pads, 1500 pens and 600 penlights from Linda Szych for teacher use.*

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

**Action 05-907**

**RESOLUTION**

*BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the Use and Occupancy Agreement between the Clinton Township Board of Education and The Work-Family Connection, Inc. for the 2006-2007 school year.*

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

**Action 05-908**

**RESOLUTION**

*BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves \$9,893.50 from the Clinton Township Education Foundation to fund grants for the 2005-2006 school year.*

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

**Action 05-909**

**RESOLUTION**

*BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves Potential Change Order 40 for Seacoast Builders Corporation in the amount of \$11,112 to furnish and install buried conduit.*

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

**Action 05-910**

**RESOLUTION**

*BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves rescheduling the April 10, 2006 Board of Education meeting to April 3, 2006 due to Spring break.*

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

**Action 05-911**

**RESOLUTION**

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

***WHEREAS**, the Clinton Township Board of Education (hereinafter referred to as the “Employer”) by resolution 912 adopted a 457 Plan (hereinafter referred to as the “Plan”) effective February 27, 2006 for the purpose of making available to eligible employees an eligible deferred compensation plan as defined in Section 457 of the internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and further authorize the contractor AXA Equitable to offer investment funding vehicles for said Plan.*

***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Employer hereby authorizes Contractor named above to offer funding vehicles for said Plan named above.*

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

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

**Action 05-912**

**RESOLUTION**

*BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the employment of Kate Zimmerbaum as a 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Language Arts/Social Studies teacher (maternity replacement for Erinn Auletta) for the 2005-2006 school year at a salary of \$40,125 (BA, Step 1) pro-rated effective March 27, 2006.*

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

**Action 05-913**

**RESOLUTION**

*BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the employment of Tejal Shah as a Teaching Assistant (replacement for Mary Dempsey) for the 2005-2006 school year at a salary of \$8,697 (BA, Step 1) pro-rated effective March 1, 2006 pending criminal history clearance.*

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

**Action 05-914**

**RESOLUTION**

*BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the employment of Mary F. Wasik as a Teaching Assistant (new position) for the 2005-2006 school year at a salary of \$17,859 (BA, Step 2) effective March 1, 2006 pending criminal history clearance.*

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

**Action 05-915**

**RESOLUTION**

*BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves movement on the salary guide for Aimee Ashley from BA+45, Step 6 to BA+60, Step 6 at a salary of \$48,750 for the 2005-2006 school year effective February 15, 2005.*

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

**Action 05-916**

**RESOLUTION**

*BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves movement on the salary guide for Christopher Cosgrave from BA+15, Step 12 to BA+30, Step 12 at a salary of \$59,780 for the 2005-2006 school year effective February 15, 2005.*

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

**Action 05-917**

**RESOLUTION**

*BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves movement on the salary guide for Judith B. Hammond from MA in F, Step 8 to MA in F+15, Step 8 at a salary of \$51,680 for the 2005-2006 school year effective February 15, 2005.*

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

**Action 05-918**

**RESOLUTION**

*BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves Abigail Grider 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 05-919**

**RESOLUTION**

*BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves Alice Roth as a lunch aide or office substitute for the 2005-2006 school year.*

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

**Action 05-920**

**RESOLUTION**

*BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves Angela Papaseraphim 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 05-921**

**RESOLUTION**

*BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves Carolyn Folansbee 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 05-922**

**RESOLUTION**

*BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves Laurie Hammond as a substitute cafeteria aide (for all three schools) for the 2005-2006 school year.*

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

**Action 05-923**

**RESOLUTION**

*BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves granting a maternity leave of absence to Stephanie Taddeo for the period May 17, 2006 through June 22, 2006.*

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

**Action 05-924**

**RESOLUTION**

*BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves William Moesch to do ten psychological evaluations for special education students at \$360 per evaluation.*



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

**Action 05-925**

**RESOLUTION**

*BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves Marie Schuchman to do ten learning evaluations for special education students at \$360 per evaluation.*

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

**Action 05-926**

**RESOLUTION**

*BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the following personnel for intramurals at Patrick McGaheeran School at a salary of \$500.00 per intramural for the 2005-2006 school year:*

<i>Tracy Shoudt</i>	<i>Soccer</i>
<i>Jeffrey Reilly</i>	<i>Basketball, Flag Football and Floor Hockey</i>

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

**Action 05-927**

**RESOLUTION**

*BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the following stipends for Round Valley Middle School for the 2005-2006 school year:*

<i>Janice Nuechterlein</i>	<i>Assist. Cheerleading Coach</i>	<i>\$1,400.00</i>
<i>Joyce Kliszus</i>	<i>Region II Chorus</i>	<i>\$ 500.00</i>
<i>Dawn Hauck</i>	<i>Cheerleading</i>	<i>\$2,200.00</i>

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

**Action 05-928**

**RESOLUTION**

*BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education accepts proposal for Golf Club at Round Valley Middle School for the 2005-2006 school year.*

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

**Action 05-929**

**RESOLUTION**

*BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the following stipend for Round Valley Middle School for the 2005-2006 school year:*

<i>Louise Miller</i>	<i>Golf Club</i>	<i>\$625.00</i>
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*Motion by Mr. Sabattis, seconded by Mrs. Schwartz. On a roll call vote, resolution was ADOPTED.*

**Action 05-930**

**RESOLUTION**

*BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves payment of additional \$400.00 to Dawn Hauck for fourth year cheerleading.*

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

**Action 05-931**

**RESOLUTION**

*BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education accepts with regret the resignation of Patricia Russo, Occupational Therapist, effective March 20, 2006.*

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

**Action 05-932**

**RESOLUTION**

*BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves amending the employment contract of Jessica Saide from BA, Step 1 to BA+30, Step 1 at a salary of \$41,825 effective February 23, 2006.*

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

**Action 05-933**

**RESOLUTION**

*BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves Rebecca Klink to do homebound instruction for one student (3-5) from Round Valley Middle School for a total of 32 hours at rate of \$27.00 per hour.*

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

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

Mrs. Schwartz reported that the 9000 Series – By-Laws of the Board will be ready for the first reading at the March 13, 2006 Board meeting.

Mrs. Wasserbach notified the Board of Education that the policies will be distributed electronically and will not be included in their packets. She stated that any member not receiving the 9000 Series by weeks-end should contact the Board office.

**Action 05-934**

**RESOLUTION**

*BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves acceptance of funds totaling \$34,484 from No Child Left Behind (NCLB) fiscal year 2006, Titles IIA, IV, and V.*

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

**Action 05-935**

**RESOLUTION**

*BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves homebound instruction for one student (3-5) from Round Valley Middle School for 2 hours per week for a total of 32 hours.*

*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. Connors commented on the following:

- Raising awareness –
- Absentee ballots
- Voter registration
- Voter survey
- Feasibility Task Force meeting – Eight community members are involved
- April newsletter and backpack information

Mrs. Mayat announced Meet the Candidates Night that will be hosted by the PTA will be held on Tuesday, April 4, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. in the Spruce Run School Library.

**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, February 27, 2006 to discuss contract negotiation 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 60 minutes.*

**Action 05-936**

**RESOLUTION**

*BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves classifying Clinton Township Recreation as a Class I User for the 2005-2006 school year pending mutual acceptance of Agreement between Clinton Township School District and the municipality.*

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

**RECOGNITION OF THE PUBLIC**

Mayor Corcodillos commented on the following:

- 1) Council supports Board's endeavors
- 2) Request for information on costs associated with farmhouse
- 3) DEP violations
- 4) Recourse against responsible parties/recoverable costs

**NEW BUSINESS**    Nothing to discuss as this time

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Action 05-937**

**RESOLUTION**

*BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education adjourns the regular meeting at 10:25 p.m.*

*Moved by Mr. Straight, seconded by Mrs. Schwartz.*

*Respectfully Submitted,*

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*Roger Straight  
Board President*

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