

**CLINTON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**Regular Meeting – January 8, 2007**

**TIME AND PLACE**

A regular meeting of the Board of Education was held on January 8, 2007, by the Board of Education of the Clinton Township School District, Hunterdon County, in the Library of the Spruce Run School School, 27 Belvidere Avenue, Clinton, New Jersey 08809.

**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, December 21, 2006.

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Roger Straight called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

Present:

Michael Belinski	Patricia Schwartz
Michelle Cresti	Christopher Yula
Donna Gregory	Thomas Roskoski
Thomas Marron	Roger Straight
Frank Dincuff	

Absent:

**DISTRICT ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT**

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

## **CHIEF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR REPORT**

Dr. Nastus welcomed children and parents in honor of “Board Recognition Month”. The audience enjoyed performances by the Spruce Run Players. The Clinton Township Education Foundation presented an auditorium chair to the Board of Education from the Leadership Team in recognition of Board Appreciation. Dr. Nastus reported that she received notification that the District Professional Development Plan was exemplary and is to be used as a template for other districts. She also noted that the Nurse’s Blood Drive had the highest level of participation and that the district was awarded \$250.00 which will be used for CPR training. Lastly Dr. Nastus reported that she had received correspondence from the County Superintendent citing code that a principal is required in each building.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Carol Nemetz- Inquired if a Vice Principal is required at each building?

Bob Zey – Run-off water from construction site. Shared pictures taken January 1, 2007.

Appreciates work and concern, but still having water issues.

Mr. Marron will take photos to Turner Construction for review.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

### **Action 06-427**

### **RESOLUTION**

*BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the minutes of the regular session held on November 27, 2006 as corrected.*

*Motion by Mr. Marron, seconded by Mrs. Gregory. On a roll call vote with Mr. Roskoski abstaining resolution was ADOPTED.*

### **Action 06-428**

### **RESOLUTION**

*BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the minutes of the Executive Session held on November 27, 2006 as corrected.*

*Motion by Mrs. Schwartz, seconded by Mr. Marron. On a roll call vote with Mr. Roskoski abstaining resolution was ADOPTED.*

## **SECRETARY’S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE**

Mrs. Wasserbach noted that the next Board of Education meeting is scheduled for January 22, 2007 at the Spruce Run School.

## **REPORT OF SECRETARY AND REPORT OF TREASURER**

### **Action 06-429**

### **RESOLUTION**

*BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves line-item transfers for the months of October and November 2006.*

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

### **Action 06-430**

### **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, 2006 and November 30, 2006 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, January 8, 2007*

*Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:20 (e)\*, we certify that as of October 31, 2006 and November 30, 2006 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. Schwartz. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED.*

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

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Mrs. Schwartz reminded everyone of the January 31, 2007 program sponsored by the New Jersey School Boards Association co-sponsored by the Education Testing Service on the development of standardized testing.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

#### **FINANCE/FACILITIES**

Thomas Marron, Chairperson; Thomas Roskoski and Jim Dincuff

Mr. Marron reported that district representatives would be meeting with township representatives to further discuss Grayrock Road improvements.

**Action 06-431**

**RESOLUTION**

*BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves payment of bills for the period ending January 8, 2007 in the amount of \$8,508,399.02.*

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

**Action 06-432**

**RESOLUTION**

*BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the following CTMS and School Renovation Capital payments:*

<b><i>Vendor</i></b>	<b><i>Description</i></b>	<b><i>Amount</i></b>
<i>Sam. Stothoff Co.</i>	<i>½ HP Pump for well at new school</i>	<i>\$950.00</i>
<i>Turner Const. Co.</i>	<i>Applic. #36 – Period ending 12/31/06</i>	<i>\$23,000.00</i>
<i>Town of Clinton</i>	<i>Engineering &amp; Legal Services</i>	<i>\$893.05</i>
<i>CRCG</i>	<i>National Registry Nomination</i>	<i>\$4,650.00</i>
<b><i>TOTAL</i></b>		<b><i>\$29,493.05</i></b>

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

**Action 06-433**

**RESOLUTION**

*BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the Settlement Agreement between New Jersey Department Of Environmental Protection and Clinton Township for the Round Valley Middle School Wastewater Treatment Plant in the amount of \$30,000 to be paid over three years.*

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

Mrs. Wasserbach explained the Settlement Agreement.

**Action 06-434**

**RESOLUTION**

*BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education authorizes voluntary payroll deductions to AFLAC for all Clinton Township Board of Education employees.*

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

**Action 06-435**

**RESOLUTION**

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

*RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE FREE BALANCE  
JANUARY 8, 2007*

*WHEREAS, the current school budget did not contain any contingency funds for mandated costs, as was publicly stated throughout the 2006/2007 school budget hearings and presentations;*

*WHEREAS, mandated costs have exceeded their 2006/2007 budget appropriations;*

*WHEREAS, the Board of Education has fully explored all options to reduce expenses elsewhere in the budget, including a reduction in force and a spending freeze;*

*WHEREAS, the Board of Education has authorized line item transfers from other operating expenses to cover these mandated costs;*

*THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education requests authorization from the County Superintendent of Schools to transfer general fund free balance in the amount of \$280,000 into the general operating accounts as follows:*

<i>11-000-262-620</i>	<i>Energy</i>	<i>\$111,650</i>
<i>11-000-261-420</i>	<i>Required Maintenance</i>	<i>\$20,000</i>
<i>11-190-100-610</i>	<i>Instructional supplies &amp; materials</i>	<i>\$35,000</i>
<i>11-000-270-518</i>	<i>Transportation (Spec Ed)</i>	<i>\$16,700</i>
<i>11-000-216-320</i>	<i>Related Svcs Purchased Services</i>	<i>\$7,150</i>
<i>11-000-291-242</i>	<i>PERS State required contribution</i>	<i>\$60,000</i>
<i>11-000-230-331</i>	<i>Legal</i>	<i>\$29,500</i>
<b><i>Total</i></b>		<b><i>\$280,000</i></b>

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

**Action 06-436**

**RESOLUTION**

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

*WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6A:26-4.3 (e) 1. i. requires that interest earned on the investments in the capital projects funds be transferred by board resolution to either the debt service fund or the general fund at the discretion of the district board of education;*

*THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education determines that interest earned on the investments in the capital project fund for the 2006/07 school year shall be applied to the general fund.*

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

**Action 06-437**

**RESOLUTION**

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

**RESOLUTION TO AWARD THE CONTRACT FOR MUSIC FURNITURE**

*WHEREAS the solicitation of bids for the purchase of music furniture yielded the following results:*

- 1. Wenger Corporation  
555 Park Drive  
Owatonna, MN 55060*

*Total Price                    \$41,796.00*

*THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education awards the contract for the purchase of music furniture to Wenger Corporation, Inc. in accordance with their December 20, 2006 bid.*

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

**Action 06-438**

**RESOLUTION**

*BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education accepts the donation of a piano to Round Valley Middle School at a value of approximately \$1,000.00.*

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

**Action 06-439**

**RESOLUTION**

*BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education establishes the 2007-2008 regular preschool tuition rate at an amount of \$200.00 per month.*

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

**PERSONNEL/NEGOTIATIONS**

Patricia Schwartz, Chairperson; Michelle Cresti, Jim Dincuff, and Christopher Yula

**Action 06-440**

**RESOLUTION**

*BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education grants a Maternity Leave of Absence to Sherri Ann Parsh effective on or about March 24, 2007 followed by a Family Leave of Absence effective on or about May 8, 2007 through June 30, 2007.*

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

**Action 06-441**

**RESOLUTION**

*BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the following 2006/2007 move along the salary guide effective February 15, 2007, in accordance with the negotiated agreement:*

<i>Employee/Position</i>	<i>From</i>	<i>To</i>	<i>Salary</i>
<i>Richard Tarriff</i>	<i>BA, Step 5</i>	<i>BA+15, Step 5</i>	<i>\$46,060</i>

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

**Action 06-442**

**RESOLUTION**

*BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education acknowledges the following requests for graduate course approval as approved by the Superintendent of Schools, in accordance with the negotiated agreement:*

<i>Employee</i>	<i>Semester</i>	<i>Course</i>	<i>Credits</i>
<i>Elizabeth Ashley</i>	<i>Spring 07</i>	<i>Intro. To Research</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>Tracy Carew</i>	<i>Spring 07</i>	<i>Intro. To Statistics Data</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>Lynn Durkin</i>	<i>Spring 07</i>	<i>Cognitive Processes</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>Frances Lin</i>	<i>Spring 07</i>	<i>The Arts &amp; Science of Teaching and Learning Brain Compatible Theories</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>Rachel</i>			





**Action 06-447**

**RESOLUTION**

*BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves Kathy Kent to do homebound instruction for one student (3-7) from Round Valley Middle School for five hours per week at the rate of \$27.00 per hour.*

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

**Action 06-448**

**RESOLUTION**

*BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education accepts with regret the resignation of Lisa A. Fama, Speech Therapist at Round Valley Middle School, effective February 22, 2007.*

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

**POLICY/CURRICULUM**

Jim Dincuff, Chairperson; Michael Belinski, Roger Straight and Christopher Yula

Mr. Dincuff requested that a letter be issued to the Planning Board requesting that the Board of Education be notified of approvals of all new residential units in accordance with Policy 7110.

**Action 06-449**

**RESOLUTION**

*BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves on first reading 7000 Series Policies as follows:*

- 7110 – Long Range Facilities Planning*
- 7115 – Developing Educational Specifications*

*Motion by Mr. Dincuff, seconded by Mr. Marron. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED.*

**Action 06-450**

**RESOLUTION**

*BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the home instruction of one student (3-8) from RVMS for two weeks effective December 11, 2006. Instruction is 5 hours a week.*

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

**Action 06-451**

**RESOLUTION**

*BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the special services agreement with the Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission to provide the following services to student 3-9:*

- Home Instruction, 8-10 hours per week at a rate of \$45 per hour*
- Occupational Therapy, 1 hour per week at a rate of \$80 per hour*
- Speech Therapy, 1 hour per week at a rate of \$80 per hour*

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

**COMMUNICATIONS/N.J.S.B.A.**

Donna Gregory, Chairperson; Michelle Cresti, Thomas Marron and Thomas Roskoski

Mrs. Gregory stated the committee is planning communication efforts on the upcoming school budget. Board members will establish schedule to attend school functions.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Jenny Plasche – Bring kids to polls at election time.  
Expansion of election hours.
- Steve Krommenhoek – How does DEP notify us of fines?  
Wetlands Permit Violation (new school).

**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, January 8, 2007 to discuss 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 45 minutes.*

**NEW BUSINESS**

Nothing to report at this time.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Action 06-452**

**RESOLUTION**

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

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

*Respectfully Submitted,*

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*Roger Straight  
Board President*

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