# CLINTON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

## **MINUTES**

Special Meeting – March 16, 2009

**TIME AND PLACE:** The special meeting was held on March 16, 2009, by the Board of

Education of the Clinton Township School District, Hunterdon County, in the Multi-Purpose Room located in the Round Valley

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 on the district website, 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 March 10, 2009.

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Jim Dincuff called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

**ROLL CALL** 

**Present:** Jim Dincuff, President Jody Lebbing

Donna Gregory, Vice President (left 9:30 pm) Roger Straight Grace Hoefig (left 9:15 pm) Debra Weiss

Mark Kaplan

**Absent:** Michelle Cresti

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATORS

**PRESENT:** Dennis Fyffe, Interim Superintendent of Schools

James H. Strimple, Jr, Interim School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mr. Dincuff led the group in the pledge of allegiance.

Discussion of the 2009 – 2010 Tentative Proposed Budget:

The Board of Education and Administration discussed the 2009 -2010 Tentative Proposed: The main items of discussion focused on the inclusion of two assistant principals in the budget and how much Extraordinary State Aid should be anticipated.

Documents that were distributed to both the members of the Board of Education and public included:

- -CAP Analysis
- -Requested and Budgeted New Staffing Positions
- -Tax Analysis & Comparison
- -Budget Scenarios
- -Listing of Revenues
- -Proposed Budget Appropriations

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Franklyn Isaacson addressed the Board of Education. He thanked Mr. Dennis Fyffe for responding to his latest letter to the Board.

### Action 09-399 RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the 2009/2010 proposed budget includes sufficient funds to implement the proposed planning process as described in this district's Annual Report pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7A -11 and to provide curriculum and instruction which will enable all students to achieve the Core Curriculum Content Standards;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Clinton Township Board of Education approves the tentative 2009/2010 budget in the amount of \$28,245,076 and authorizes its submission to the Hunterdon County Superintendent of Schools for approval as follows:

Current Expense	
Capital Outlay	\$172 928
Capital Reserve Fund – Interest Deposit	
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Total General Fund	\$24,880,014
Special Revenue Fund	\$564,667
Debt Service Fund	\$2,800,395
Total Budget	\$28,245,076

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the submission of the tax levy cap calculation as follows:

Prebudget year adjusted tax levy, including weighted increases for enrollment,	
inflated by 4%	\$22,067,268
Adjustment for Reduction in Total State Aid From Prebudget Year, Issued	
with State Aid Notices	\$0
Adjustment for Increase in Health Care Cost	

Adjustment for Districts Spending Above Adequacy, with General Fund Levy	
Greater than Local Share and State Aid Increase Greater than CPI	
Request to the Commissioner for Waivers:	\$0
Increase in Capital Outlay	\$0
Increase in Special Education Costs over \$40,000 per pupil	\$0
New School Costs	\$0
Increase in Energy Costs	\$0
Increase in Insurance Costs	\$0
Increase in Transportation Costs for Hazardous Routes	\$0
Increase in Tuition Costs	\$0
Failure to Meet CCCS under QSAC	\$0
Non-recurring General Fund Revenues	\$0
Other Waiver requests	\$0
Total Tax Levy Cap:	\$22,067,268

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED to acknowledge that the 2009/2010 budget as described above results in a general fund tax levy in the amount of \$21,803,969 and a debt service tax levy in the amount of \$2,600,256.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in accordance with Board of Education Policy No. 9250, the district budgeted in the 2008/2009 budget \$100,000 for travel expenses. As of February 28, 2009 the district has spent \$27,249 for travel expenses. The maximum travel allowance for the 2009/2010 school year shall be established at \$75,000.

Motion by M. Kaplan, seconded by D. Weiss. On a roll call vote the resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 7; nays, 1 (Schaedel).

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

#### **Action 09-400:**

## RESOLUTION

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, March 16, 2009 at 9:10 PM to discuss matters of personnel as it relates to the contract for the newly appointed superintendent of schools.
- 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. The length of the meeting is thought to be approximately sixty (60) minutes.

Motion by R. Straight, seconded by M. Kaplan. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 8; nays, 0.

The Board returned from Executive Session at 9:50 PM.

# **ADJOURNMENT**

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BE IT R	ESOLVED	that the	Board of	Education	adjourns the	meeting at	9:50 P	PM. Mot	ion by M.
Kaplan,	seconded	by D. W	eiss. On	a roll call	vote resolutio	n was AD	OPTED	as follo	ws: ayes,
8; nays,	0.								

Respectfully Submitted,		
James H. Strimple, Jr.		
Interim School Business Administrator/B	Board Secretary	
Minutes Prepared: 3/17/2009		
Minutes remain unofficial until Board of	Education approval.	
Board of Education Approved:		
Frank "Jim" Dincuff	Date	
Board President		