CLINTON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES

Annual Organization and Regular Meeting-April 27, 2009

TIME AND PLACE: The annual organization and regular meeting was held on April 27, 2009, by the Board of Education of the Clinton Township School District, Hunterdon County, in the Library of the Spruce Run 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 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 April 3, 2009.
- CALL TO ORDER: Interim Board Secretary James H. Strimple, Jr. called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Strimple administered the Oath of Office to newly elected board members Gene E. Schaedel, Sr., Roger Straight, Donna M. Gregory, Frank 'Jim' Dincuff, and Grace Hoefig.

ROLL CALL

Present:	Michelle Cresti	Mark Kaplan
	Jim Dincuff	Jody Lebbing
	Donna Gregory	Roger Straight
	Grace Hoefig	Debbie Weiss
	Gene Schaedel (arrived 7:37 pm and left	t 9:45 pm)

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT: Dennis Fyffe, Interim Superintendent of Schools James H. Strimple, Jr., Interim School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

ANNUAL ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD

James Strimple then received nominations for President of the Board of Education.

Mark Kaplan nominated Jim Dincuff. This nomination was seconded by Jody Lebbing.

As there were no further nominations, Mark Kaplan moved with a second by Donna Gregory and a unanimous vote that nominations be closed.

James Strimple then declared that Frank 'Jim' Dincuff elected as the President of the Clinton Township Board of Education for the 2009-2010 school year.

Mr. Strimple turned the conduct of the meeting over to President Dincuff. As his first order of business, Mr. Dincuff called for nominations for Board Vice-President.

Michelle Cresti nominated Donna Gregory for the position of Vice President. This nomination was seconded by Deborah Weiss.

As there were no further nominations, Mark Kaplan moved with a second by Roger Straight and a unanimous vote that nominations be closed.

President Dincuff then declared that Donna Gregory elected as the Vice-President of the Clinton Township Board of Education for the 2009-2010 school year.

Action 09-446:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education establishes the following committees and chairs for the 2009/2010 school year. Full membership will be determined at a later meeting.

Finance/Facilities Committee: Chair: Mark Kaplan

Personnel/Negotiations Committee: Chair: Michelle Cresti

Policy/Curriculum Committee: Chair: Roger Straight

Communications Committee: Chair: Donna Gregory

Clinton Township Liaison Committee: Members: Grace Hoefig, Gene Schaedel

Moved by D. Gregory, seconded by J. Lebbing. On a roll call vote the resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 9; nays, 0.

Action 09-447:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the following appointments/reappointments for the 2009/2010 school year:

Business Administrator/Board Secretary	Patricia Leonhardt
Treasurer of School Monies	
School Attorney	
School Auditor	
Medical Inspector	Ronald Frank, MD, PA
Health Insurance Consultant	
Insurance Agent of Record	
Architect of Record	The Spiezle Group
Engineer of Record	Suburban Engineering
Affirmative Action Officer	
Right to Know Custodian	
AHERA Representative	
Attendance Officer	Clinton Township Police Department
Public Agency Compliance Officer	Patricia Leonhardt
Purchasing Agent	
Official Newspaper	Hunterdon Democrat
Alternate Newspapers (Sunshine Notices)	
Hunterdon Review, Star-	Ledger, Express Times, Courier-News
504 Officer	Mary McLoughlin
Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Coordin	
Wastewater Treatment Plant Licensed Oper	

Moved by D. Gregory, seconded by J. Lebbing. On a roll call vote the resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 9; nays, 0.

Action 09-448:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the following delegates/representatives from the Board of Education for the 2009/2010 school year:

Hunterdon County ESC Representative/Alternate: Debbie Weiss/Donna Gregory Hunterdon County School Boards Association/Alternate: Roger Straight/Jody Lebbing New Jersey School Boards Association/Alternate: Michelle Cresti/Jim Dincuff Town Council Liaison(s): Grace Hoefig and Gene Schaedel

Moved by D. Gregory, seconded by J. Lebbing. On a roll call vote the resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 9; nays, 0.

Action 09-449: RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education authorizes the following signatures on the accounts maintained by the Board of Education for the 2009/2010 school year:

1) Regular Checking Account – TD Bank, N.A. (3 signatures required)

Authorized Signatures:

Board President, Vice President, Patricia Leonhardt (School Business Administrator/Board Secretary) Kathleen Colognato (Treasurer of School Monies)

2) Clinton Township School Activities – TD Bank, N.A. (2 signatures required)

<u>Authorized Signatures Spruce Run School</u>: Melissa Goad /Kathleen Redmond/Patricia Leonhardt

<u>Authorized Signatures Round Valley School</u>: Judith Hammond/Elizabeth Saccente/Patricia Leonhardt

<u>Authorized Signatures Patrick McGaheran School</u>: Mary Postma/Marianne Della Serra/Patricia Leonhardt

<u>Authorized Signatures Clinton Township Middle School:</u> Gerard Dalton/Annette Patrick/Patricia Leonhardt

3) Clinton Township School District Petty Cash – TD Bank, N.A. (2 signatures required)

<u>Authorized Signatures District Office</u>: Patricia Mackenzie/Patricia Leonhardt (School Business Administrator/ Board Secretary)/Kevin Carroll (Superintendent)

<u>Authorized Signatures Special Services:</u> Mary McLoughlin/Michelle Nor/Patricia Leonhardt

<u>Authorized Signatures Spruce Run School</u>: Melissa Goad/Kathleen Redmond/Patricia Leonhardt

<u>Authorized Signatures Round Valley School</u>: Judith Hammond/Elizabeth Saccente/Patricia Leonhardt

<u>Authorized Signatures Patrick McGaheran School</u>: Mary Postma/Marianne Della Serra/Patricia Leonhardt

<u>Authorized Signatures Clinton Township Middle School:</u> Gerard Dalton/Annette Patrick/Patricia Leonhardt

4) Payroll Account – TD Bank, N.A.

<u>Authorized Signature:</u> Kathleen Colognato (Treasurer of School Monies) Alternate Signature: Patricia Leonhardt (School Business Administrator/Board Secretary) 5) Payroll Agency Account – TD Bank, N.A.

<u>Authorized Signature:</u> Kathleen Colognato (Treasurer of School Monies) Alternate Signature: Patricia Leonhardt (School Business Administrator/Board Secretary)

6) Unemployment Trust Account – TD Bank, N.A.

<u>Authorized Signature:</u> Kathleen Colognato (Treasurer of School Monies) Alternate Signature: Patricia Leonhardt (School Business Administrator/Board Secretary)

7) Capital and Capital Reserve Accounts – TD Bank, N.A. (3 signatures required)

<u>Authorized Signatures:</u> Kathleen Colognato (Treasurer of Monies), Jim Dincuff (Board President), Patricia Leonhardt (School Business Administrator/Board Secretary)

8) Employee Flexible Spending Account – TD Bank, N.A.

<u>Authorized Signatures:</u> Kathleen Colognato (Treasurer of Monies) Patricia Leonhardt (School Business Administrator/Board Secretary)

9) Foundation for Educational Excellence Account – TD Bank, N.A. (3 signatures required)

<u>Authorized Signatures:</u> Kathleen Colognato (Treasurer of Monies), Jim Dincuff (Board President), Patricia Leonhardt (School Business Administrator/Board Secretary)

Moved by D. Gregory, seconded by J. Lebbing. On a roll call vote the resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 9; nays, 0.

<u>Action 09-450:</u>

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that TD Bank, N.A. Bank of New Jersey be designated as the depository of record for the Clinton Township Board of Education accounts, with the exception of the debt service account;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that investments can be secured in any other bank holding a current certificate of eligibility from the State of New Jersey Banking Association.

Moved by D. Gregory, seconded by M. Cresti. On a roll call vote the resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 9; nays, 0.

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Action 09-451: RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby designates the School Funds Investor as Board Secretary/Business Administrator pursuant to 17:12B-241. Moved by D. Gregory, seconded by M. Cresti. On a roll call vote the resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 9; nays, 0.

Action 09-452: RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education acknowledges the combined statement of results of the 2009 school election made a part of the organization meeting minutes as follows:

Members to the Board of Education for the following terms:

One Year Unexpired – Roger Straight Two Year Unexpired – Gene E. Schaedel, Sr. Three Year Full – Donna M. Gregory, Frank Dincuff, Grace Hoefig

Question:	Amount	Yes	No
#1 General Fund Tax Levy	\$21,803,969	<i>793</i>	824

Moved by D. Gregory, seconded by M. Cresti. On a roll call vote the resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 9; nays, 0.

Action 09-453:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the policies, by-laws, and administrative procedures of the Clinton Township Board of Education for the ensuing school year. Moved by D. Gregory, seconded by M. Cresti. On a roll call vote the resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 9; nays, 0.

<u>Action 09-454:</u>

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the existing curriculum and textbooks for implementation in the 2009/2010 school year. Moved by D. Gregory, seconded by M. Cresti. On a roll call vote the resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 9; nays, 0.

Action 09-455: RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent and Business Administrator to implement the 2009/2010 budget, once authorized and finalized, pursuant to local and state policies and regulations. Moved by D. Gregory, seconded by M. Cresti. On a roll call vote the resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 9; nays, 0.

Action 09-456:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education authorizes certified school personnel to collect and maintain the following types of pupil records as required by N.J.A.C. 6:3-6:1 et seq and Board of Education Policy 5125 "Pupil Records":

- Personal data identifying each pupil enrolled in the district including pupil's name, address, date of birth, name of parent(s)/guardian(s), citizenship and gender.
- *Recording religious or political affiliation of pupil or parent is prohibited unless requested by the parent;*
- Daily attendance;
- Description of pupil progress, including grade level, according to evaluation system used by the district;
- History and status of physical health per state regulations;
- Special education records pursuant to relevant rules and laws;
- All other records required by the New Jersey State Board of Education

Moved by D. Gregory, seconded by M. Cresti. On a roll call vote the resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 9; nays, 0.

READING OF THE SCHOOL BOARD CODE OF ETHICS

In accordance with Bylaw 9271 "Code of Ethics", Grace Hoefig read aloud the Board Member Code of Ethics. Each member of the Board signed documentation that he/she has received a copy of it and has read and understood it. The documentation shall remain on file in the Office of the Board Secretary.

Action 09-457:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the following Board Meeting dates for 2009-2010: Meetings will be held on the fourth Monday of the month, except where noted.*

May 18, 2009* June 22, 2009 July 27, 2009 August 24, 2009 September 21, 2009* October 26, 2009 November 23, 2009 December 21, 2009 January 25, 2010 February 22, 2010 March 22, 2010 April 26, 2010 TIME AND LOCATION OF MEETING: 7:30 P.M. Clinton Township Middle School Media Center 34 Grayrock Road Clinton, NJ 08809

Moved by D. Gregory, seconded by D. Weiss. On a roll call vote the resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 9; nays, 0.

Action 09-458:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the following Board Committee Meeting dates for 2009-2010: Meetings will be held on the second Monday of the month.

May 11, 2009 June 8, 2009 September 14, 2009 October 12, 2009 November 9, 2009 December 7, 2009 January 11, 2010 February 8, 2010 March 8, 2010

Committee Meetings will be held in the Board Offices located at the Round Valley School and will begin at 7:00 PM.

Moved by D. Gregory, seconded by D. Weiss. On a roll call vote the resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 9; nays, 0.

Action 09-459: RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education establishes the 2009/2010 Petty Cash Accounts in the amount of \$250 each with a maximum reimbursement of \$50 to any individual on any one occasion. Moved by D. Gregory, seconded by D. Weiss. On a roll call vote the resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 9; nays, 0.

Action 09-460:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Board of Education Bylaw No. 9250 "Expenses and Reimbursements" requires annually in the prebudget year, the board shall establish by resolution, a maximum travel expenditure amount for the budget year, which the school district shall not exceed in that budget year; and WHEREAS Bylaw No. 9250 "Expenses and Reimbursements" also requires that the resolution include the maximum amount established for the prebudget year and the amount spent to date. WHEREAS the maximum travel allowance for the 2008/2009 school year was established at \$100,000

WHEREAS the district-wide travel amount spent/encumbered as of April 1, 2009 is \$29,814 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the maximum travel allowance for the 2009/2010 school year shall be established at \$75,000.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clinton Township Board of Education provides that the maximum school district travel expenditure amount shall include all travel in accordance with Bylaw No. 9250 "Expenses and Reimbursements" supported by local and State funds.

Moved by D. Gregory, seconded by D. Weiss. On a roll call vote the resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 9; nays, 0.

Action 09-461: RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Clinton Township Board of Education approves, for regular business travel only, an annual maximum amount of \$1,500 per employee for regular business travel for which school board approval is not required. As defined by law, "regular school district business travel" is distinct from "training and seminars" and "conventions. Moved by D. Gregory, seconded by D. Weiss. On a roll call vote the resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 9; nays, 0.

CONCLUSION OF ANNUAL ORGANIZATION – ON TO REGULAR BUSINESS

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Mr. Fyffe offered congratulations to Mr. Dincuff and Ms. Gregory and to those Board Members that were elected and installed.

In addition to the monthly report on pupil enrollment and suspension, Mr. Fyffe reported on the success of the Destination Imagination and 7th grade Law Adventure Teams. The Destination Imagination Team will be leaving for Tennessee to compete in the Global Tournament.

RECOGNITION OF THE PUBLIC:

• Steve Krommenhoek inquired as to the meaning of the acronym AHERA. The acronym stands for Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Action 09-462:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 23, 2009. Motion by D. Gregory, seconded by M. Cresti. On a roll call vote the resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 9; nays, 0.

Action 09-463:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the Executive Session Minutes of March 23, 2009. Motion by D. Gregory, seconded by M. Cresti. On a roll call vote the resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 9; nays, 0.

Action 09-464: RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the minutes from the Public Hearing on the 2009/2010 School Budget of March 30, 2009. Motion by D. Gregory, seconded by M. Cresti. On a roll call vote the resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 9; nays, 0.

Action 09-465: RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the Executive Session Minutes of March 30, 2009. Motion by D. Gregory, seconded by M. Cresti. On a roll call vote the resolution the was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 9; nays, 0.

<u>Action 09-466:</u>

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the Special Meeting Minutes of April 6, 2009 to appoint a School Business Administrator. Motion by D. Gregory, seconded by M. Cresti. On a roll call vote the resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 9; nays, 0.

Action 09-467:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the Executive Session Minutes of April 6, 2009. *Motion by D. Gregory, seconded by M. Cresti. On a roll call vote the resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 9; nays, 0; and 3 abstentions (M. Cresti, J. Lebbing, R. Straight)*

REPORT OF THE INTERIM SCHOOL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

In accordance with Board of Education Policy # 3570, District Records and Reports – Mr. Strimple presented to the Board at the regular meeting following the organization meeting the attached comprehensive list of legally mandated school district financial and other records and reports. The list identifies the requesting agency and the date due. Subsequent notification of compliance shall be presented as part of the appropriate reports at regular meetings of the board.

Correspondence:

• April 1, 2009 Letter from Matt Kaup/Tiff's Casual Grill & Bar – application to NJDEP for permit for Letter of Interpretation for improvements to property

- March 27, 2009 Letter from Susan Hendershot County Chairperson of the Hunterdon County Professional Development Board indicating the district's Local Professional Development Plan has been approved.
- March 19, 2009 Letter from Kelly A. Helmstetter thanking the Board for the opportunity to work part time.

Points of Information:

Jim Strimple reported to the Board that he has been notified by the Department of Education regarding the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. He indicated that the funding will be for a period of two years supporting the IDEA B program. Applications should be made available by mid-summer 2009. The intent of the funding is to save and create jobs and improve student achievement through school improvement and reform. He indicated that the state advises districts to invest this one time funding program thoughtfully in ways that do not result in unsustainable continuing commitments after the funding expires.

Action 09-468: RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the line item transfers for period ending March 31, 2009. Motion by M. Kaplan, seconded by J. Lebbing. On a roll call vote the resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 9; nays, 0.

Action 09-469: RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education accept the Report of the Office of Fiscal Accountability and Compliance regarding the review of the Clinton Township Board of Education's Application for Extraordinary Aid for Special Education Costs for Fiscal Years 2006-2007 and 2007-2008. Motion by M. Kaplan, seconded by J. Lebbing. On a roll call vote the resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 9; nays, 0.

<u>Action 09-470:</u>

RESOLUTION

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

WHEREAS, the Legislature passed and the Governor signed S-15 as Chapter 22, P.L. 2009 that reduces the State Aid for the Clinton Township School District for the 2008-2009 school by an amount of \$96,197.00

AND WHEREAS, the Legislature passed and the Governor signed S-21 as Chapter 19, P.L. 2009 that provides school districts with two options concerning their obligation to pay the Public Employees Retirement System, namely payment in full by April 30, 2009, or payment of one-half of the pension obligation by April 30, 2009;

AND WHEREAS, payment of one-half of the pension obligation requires the district to apply for a deferral schedule which will start in April 2012 and continue for 15 years to repay the deferred portion to the retirement system;

AND WHEREAS, deferred payments are subject to normal actuarial growth on accrued liabilities of the pension system, which most recently was a rate of 8.25%;

AND WHEREAS, the School Business Administrator has reviewed the cash flow needs of the Clinton Township School District, the surplus balance position of the district, and the impact of the deferral on future budgets if the district should elect to take the deferral or reject the deferral;

NOW BE IT RESOLVED by the Clinton township Board of Education that:

It hereby accepts the offer of a deferral by the New Jersey Public Employees Retirement System and authorizes the School Business Administrator to pay one-half of the 2009 PERS pension obligation before April 30, 2009 and apply for a deferral schedule that begins in April 2012.

Motion by M. Kaplan, seconded by J. Lebbing. On a roll call vote the resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 9; nays, 0.

Action 09-471: RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education revise the 2008-2009 Budget and Revenues as follows:

APPROPRIATIONS

Line Item	Present Budget	Increase/ (Decrease)	Revised Budget
11-401-100-100-00-009 Co.curric. Salaries CTMS	\$47,068	\$12,600	\$59,668
11-000-291-241-000-000 Other Retirement Contrib.	\$275,000	(\$96,197)	\$178,803
	REVENUE	ËS	
Miscellaneous Revenue State Aid	\$288,800 \$1,793,092	\$12,600 (\$96,197)	\$301,400 \$1,696,895

Motion by M. Kaplan, seconded by J. Lebbing. On a roll call vote the resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 9; nays, 0.

OLD BUSINESS

Dennis Fyffe reported that Technology Policy - 6142.1 which the Board had adopted at its Business Meeting of March 23, 2009 contains language and provisions that need to be revised. He requested that the Board adopt a motion suspending the implementation of the policy till such time that staff and administration can discuss with the Policy Committee.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education based upon the request of the Superintendent hereby takes action to suspend the implementation of Policy 6142.1 adopted on a second reading

on March 23, 2009, till such time that the administration, staff and Policy Committee have time to review and make recommendations for changes.

Motion by J. Lebbing, seconded by D. Weiss. On a roll call vote the resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 9; nays, 0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FACILITIES/FINANCE: Mark Kaplan – Chair

Mr. Kaplan reported that the Board Finance Committee has begun the process of working with the Township Committee to resolve the recent budget defeat. The Township Committee must adopt a tax levy by May 19, 2009.

Mr. Kaplan reported that the Board of Education has received the appraisal on the Vought property. He indicated that he will set up a meeting to discuss the report and determine the legal issues involved with the disposition of property owned by a board of education.

Action 09-472: RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves payment of bills in the amount of \$734,920.28 for the period ending April 27, 2009. Motion by M. Kaplan, seconded by D. Weiss. On a roll call vote the resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 9; nays, 0.

Action 09-473:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the revised submission amount for 2008/2009 Extraordinary Aid in the amount of \$516,772 due to the classification of a state facility as a public school. Motion by M. Kaplan, seconded by D. Weiss. On a roll call vote the resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 9; nays, 0.

<u>Action 09-474:</u>

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education accept the following 2008/2009 grants from the Clinton Township Foundation for Educational Excellence:

Grant Recipient	School	Title	Amount
Amy Dandeo, Adrienne Hodulik, Ben Cozin, Suzanne Gitomer	CTMS	Payaway MP# Audio Books	\$2,520
Tara Kopec	SRS	New Teacher Grant	\$250
Suzanne Gitomer, J. Mangino, C. Nojiri, C.	CTMS	Research & Academic Program Materials	\$7,500

Mallory, J. Selbo		

Motion by M. Kaplan, seconded by D. Weiss. On a roll call vote the resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 9; nays, 0.

Action 09-475: RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education accept \$9,418 of IDEA Non-public Carryover Funds. Motion by M. Kaplan, seconded by D. Weiss. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 9; nays, 0.

Action 09-476: RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the Tuition Contract Agreement between Clinton Township and Lebanon Borough for the 2009-2010 school year in the amount of \$270,582 (26 pupils at \$10,407 per pupil) plus back tuition of \$57,275 for a total tuition amount of \$327,857 effective September 1, 2009. Motion by M. Kaplan, seconded by D. Weiss. On a roll call vote the resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 9; nays, 0.

Action 09-477: RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the Special Education Tuition Contract Agreement between Clinton Township and Lebanon Borough for the 2009-2010 school year in the amount of \$48,064 (1:1 Teacher Assistant for 1 special needs student) effective September 1, 2009. Motion by M. Kaplan, seconded by D. Weiss. On a roll call vote the resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 9; nays, 0.

Action 09-478:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the Interlocal Services Agreement between the Clinton Township and Lebanon Borough Boards of Education for the 2009-2010 school year for Administrative Services in the amount of \$86,320 effective July 1, 2009. Motion by M. Kaplan, seconded by D. Weiss. On a roll call vote the resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 9; nays, 0.

Action 09-479: RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the Interlocal Services Agreement between the Clinton Township and Lebanon Borough Boards of Education for the 2009-2010 school year for 7th and 8th grade regular pupil transportation services in the amount of \$19,800 effective September 1, 2009. Motion by M. Kaplan, seconded by D. Weiss. On a roll call vote the resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 9; nays, 0.

Action 09-480:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the 2009/2010 Contract for School Physician Services with Ronald M. Frank, M.D. FAAFP, 328 Greenbrook Road, Green Brook, NJ in the amount of \$3,250 in accordance with his April 6, 2009 proposal. Motion by M. Kaplan, seconded by D. Weiss. On a roll call vote the resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 9; nays, 0.

The following motion was tabled to a future meeting date.

Motion to approve the 2009/2010 Contract for Professional Legal Services with Porzio Bromberg and Newman, 100 Southgate Parkway, Morristown, NJ at an hourly rate of \$175 for attorney time and \$115 for paralegals.

Action 09-481: RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the 2009/2010 Wastewater Treatment Plant Licensed Operator Agreement with Garco Research Company, Annandale, NJ at a monthly rate of \$1,107.00 (same as 2008/2009) for the Round Valley School, and a monthly rate of \$554.00 (50% reduction from 2008/2009) for the Patrick McGaheran plant; and the Board approves a fee of \$55 per hour for additional services not included in the operational fee. Motion by M. Kaplan, seconded by D. Weiss. On a roll call vote the resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 9; nays, 0.

Action 09-482:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves a contract with Physical Therapy Contractual Agreement for the 2009 – 2010 school year in the following amounts:

School Based therapy (in district)	\$86.50 per hour
Home based therapy	\$97.00 per visit
Evaluations	\$330 per evaluation

Motion by M. Kaplan, seconded by D. Weiss. On a roll call vote the resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 9; nays, 0.

<u>Action 09-483:</u>

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the following requests for employee/board member travel in accordance with the School District Accountability Act and Board of Education Policy No. 9250 "Expenses and Reimbursements". Only overnight stays are eligible for meal reimbursement. Mileage, meals, and lodging reimbursements shall be in accordance with NJ Statute, Code and NJ Department of Treasury Guidelines. Where more than five individuals from the district are to attend the same out-of-state conference, the school

district shall obtain the prior written approval of the Executive County Superintendent. 2008 OMB Mileage Reimbursement Rate: \$0.31; 1/1/09 IRS Mileage Reimbursement Rate: \$0.55.

Employee/BOE Member	Program Title/Location	Date(s)	Cost	Mileage	Lodging (per diem)	Meals (per diem)
Kendra Squindo	Adolescent Depression & Suicide, Lancaster, PA.	3/30/09	\$17	NA	NA	NA
Kelly DiGioia	Arts Education Series, Monroe, NJ	4/29/09	\$135	IRS	NA	NA
Mary McLoughlin	Section 504 Practical Tips for Compliance, Long Branch, NJ	5/11/09	\$149	OMB	NA	NA
Bobbie Felip	Supervisors as Agents of Change Monroe Twp. NJ	5/4, 5/11/09	\$175	OMB	NA	NA
James Strimple, Jr	NJASBO Annual Conference, Atlantic City, NJ	5/6/2009 thru 5/8/2009	\$0	OMB	\$110 per night	NA
Patrick Gugliandolo	Art Education Series: The Future: Are We Ready, Monroe , N.J.	4/29/09	\$135	IRS	NA	NA
Julie Tepper	Functional Skill for students with Autism, Morris Union Jointure, New Providence, NJ	5/5/09	\$110	IRS	NA	NA
Kate Zimmerbaum	Literacy Consortium, Kean Univ., Union, NJ	5/15/09	\$108	IRS	NA	NA
Susan Rivers	Literacy Consortium, Kean Univ., Union, NJ	5/15/09	\$108	IRS	NA	NA
Bobbie Felip	Literacy Consortium, Kean Univ., Union, NJ	5/15/09	\$108	ОМВ	NA	NA
Elaine Studnicki	Professional Learning that improves Student Learning, Kean Univ., Union, NJ	4/30/09	NA	OMB	NA	NA

Motion by M. Kaplan, seconded by D. Weiss. On a roll call vote the resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 9; nays, 0.

Action 09-484:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education amends the Tapping The Power of Thinking to Teach Reading Comprehension conference in Philadelphia, PA due to the fact that the presenter became ill and rescheduled for May 7, 2009. Previously Marygrace Flynn and Lisanne Bartram were approved to attend this conference on February 23, 2009. However, neither one can attend on the new date. It is recommended that Lynne Avery and Ofeer Kearn attend in their place. Motion by M. Kaplan, seconded by D. Weiss. On a roll call vote the resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 9; nays, 0.

Action 09-485: RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education amends Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Non-public grants as follows:

Grants	Original Award	Additional	Total 2009 Grant
<u>Award</u>	-		
NP Technology	\$16,898	\$4,182	\$21,080
NP Textbooks	\$23,610	\$6,529	\$ 30,139
NP Nursing	\$32,613	\$8,071	\$40,684
NP 192/193 Servic	es \$134,347	\$81,462	\$215,809

Motion by M. Kaplan, seconded by D. Weiss. On a roll call vote the resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 9; nays, 0.

Action 09-486:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the 2009/2010 Contract for Professional Auditing Services with William Colantano, CPA, P.C., 100 Route 31 North, Washington, NJ at an annual not to exceed fee \$27,800 and at the hourly rates for additional services as documented in their proposal. Motion by M. Kaplan, seconded by D. Weiss. On a roll call vote the resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 9; nays, 0.

<u>PERSONNEL/NEGOTIATIONS:</u> Michelle Cresti – Chair

Ms. Cresti publicly recognized Patricia Leonhardt the recently appointed School Business Administrator for the Board of Education. Ms Leonhardt will begin working in the district on July 1, 2009.

She also stated that soon negotiations with the Clinton Township Education Association would begin as their contract expires on June 30, 2010.

Action 09-487:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the following requests for graduate course approval:

Employee	Semester	Course	Credits
Erin Covell Evans	Summer 2009	Supervision of Instruction	3
Erin Covell Evans	Summer 2009	Admin. & Super. of Elementary &	3
		Secondary Schools	
Rita Russomano	Summer 2009	Research Seminar in Special Ed.	3
Rita Russomano	Fall	Developmental & Communication	3
		Skills for Atypical Children	
Carla Molloy	Summer 2009	Organizational Leadership	3
Carla Molloy	Summer 2009	Educating and Including	3
		Individuals Special Needs	

Motion by M. Cresti, seconded by R. Straight. On a roll call vote the resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 9; nays, 0.

Action 09-488: RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the following Requests for Movement across the Salary Guide effective January 1, 2009:

Employee	From	То
Elizabeth	MA in F \$49,495	<i>MA in F</i> +15 \$51,695
Salazar		

Motion by M. Cresti, seconded by R. Straight. On a roll call vote the resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 9; nays, 0.

Action 09-489: RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the revised technology support staff payments for the In-service Technology Conference held on March 21, 2009 at the contractual 1.5 hourly rate:

Matt Cirigliano	8 hours	\$54.88 per hour	\$439.04
Kim Police	8 hours	\$36.95 per hour	\$295.60
Lauren Lee	9.5 hours	\$32.45 per hour	\$308.28

Motion by M. Cresti, seconded by R. Straight. On a roll call vote the resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 9; nays, 0.

Action 09-490: RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board correct the 2009/2010 salary of **Colleen Caballero** initially approved on March 23, 2009 at \$54,135 to the correct annual salary of \$52,850. Motion by M. Cresti, seconded by R. Straight. On a roll call vote the resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 9; nays, 0.

Action 09-491: RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve a child rearing/adoption leave of absence for **Heather Stanley** effective September 2, 2009 through June 30, 2010. Motion by M. Cresti, seconded by R. Straight. On a roll call vote the resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 9; nays, 0.

Action 09-492: RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education accepts, with regret, the Notice of Resignation from **Tracy Shoudt Denkovic** elementary teacher, effective June 30, 2009. Motion by M. Cresti, seconded by R. Straight. On a roll call vote the resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 9; nays, 0.

Action 09-493:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education accepts, with regret, the Notice of Resignation from Ashley Buchanan, RVS Teacher Assistant for the Resource Program, effective June 30, 2009. Motion by M. Cresti, seconded by R. Straight. On a roll call vote the resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 9; nays, 0.

Action 09-494: RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the following as substitute teachers:

Robin Balick	Jennifer Trubin	Catherine Cademartori
Odette Haight	-	

Motion by M. Cresti, seconded by R. Straight. On a roll call vote the resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 9; nays, 0.

Action 09-495: RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves **Bernard D. Fitzpatrick** as a clerical substitute at \$11 per hour. Motion by M. Cresti, seconded by R. Straight. On a roll call vote the resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 9; nays, 0.

Action 09-496:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education appoint **Shannon Rolak** *as a maternity leave replacement teacher effective on or about May 26, 2009 till the last day of school (June 22, 2009) at the per diem rate of \$230.98. Motion by M. Cresti, seconded by R. Straight. On a roll call vote the resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 9; nays, 0.*

<u>Action 09-497:</u>

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education correct the 2009/2010 salary of **Linda Szwedo** *initially approved on March 23, 2009 at Step 0, MA+45 at \$84,885 to the correct step of Step 0, MA in F+45 and annual salary of \$86,135. Motion by M. Cresti, seconded by R. Straight. On a roll call vote the resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 9; nays, 0.*

IT WAS NOTED THAT ALL STAFF APPOINTMENTS ARE AT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS AND THAT ALL SALARIES ARE PRO-RATED TO THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF EMPLOYMENT.

<u>POLICY/CURRICULUM:</u> Roger Straight – Chair

<u>Action 09-498:</u>

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the second reading and adoption of revised Special Education Policy 6171.4. Motion by R. Straight, seconded by D. Gregory. On a roll call vote the resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 9; nays, 0.

Action 09-499:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the following field trips:

Grade 6	Law Fair Center	April 28, 2009	\$264 Transportation
Grade 6	American Museum of May 27, 2009		Price Per Student \$32
	Natural History		
Grade 3	Red Mill	May 5, 11, 2009	\$132 per bus (5 buses)
Grade 7 & 8	N.J. Bar Foundation	May 27, 2009	\$396

Motion by R. Straight, seconded by D. Gregory. On a roll call vote the resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 9; nays, 0.

Action 09-500:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education accepts the 2009-2010 Professional Development Plan for Clinton Township School District as approved by the Hunterdon County Professional Development Board. Motion by R. Straight, seconded by D. Gregory. On a roll call vote the resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 9; nays, 0.

Action 09-501:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the 2009/2010 Chapter 192/192 Nonpublic Services Agreement with Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission. Motion by R. Straight, seconded by D. Gregory. On a roll call vote the resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 9; nays, 0.

Action 09-502:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the 2009/2010 Nonpublic School Nursing Services Agreement with Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission. Motion by R. Straight, seconded by D. Gregory. On a roll call vote the resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 9; nays, 0.

COMMUNICATIONS: Donna Gregory – Chair

Donna Gregory – Chair

Ms. Gregory thanked all of those individuals involved in preparing the election emailing that were sent out prior to the election. She was particularly grateful for the work of Julie Flynn who provided her professional experience in creating the documents.

Mr. Dincuff thanked the Communications Committee for all of their work in preparing the emailings.

RECOGNITION OF THE PUBLIC:

- Rachel McLaughlin advised the Board that they might consider using the Honeywell Alert System to send out notices regarding the school election. She also inquired about the salary of the newly appointed school business administrator.
- Another resident inquired about plans to review the Kindergarten Curriculum.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Action 09-503:

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, April 27, 2009 at 9:40 PM to discuss student 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. The length of the meeting is thought to be approximately thirty (30) minutes.

Motion by R. Straight, seconded by M. Cresti. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 9; nays, 0.

Open session resumed at 11:13 PM.

NEW BUSINESS

• Discussion of Board Contribution for Destination Imagination Global Competition, in Knoxville, Tennessee.

Action 09-504: RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education authorize the expenditure of \$1,400 to support the 7th Grade Destination Imagination Team's competition in Knoxville, Tennessee. Motion by M. Kaplan, seconded by D. Weiss. On a roll call vote the resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 8; nays, 0.

ADJOURNMENT

Action 09-505: RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education adjourns the meeting at 11:17 PM. Motion by R. Straight, seconded by J. Lebbing. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 8; nays, 0.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

Minutes Prepared: 4/28/09 Minutes remain unofficial until Board of Education approval.

Board of Education Approved:

Frank "Jim" Dincuff

Board President