

**CLINTON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**MINUTES**

**Regular Meeting – December 14, 2009**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mr. Dincuff called the meeting to order at 7:34 pm.

**PUBLICATION  
OF NOTICE:**

In accordance with the provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, Laws of 1975, adequate notice of this meeting was provided through the annual public notice on April 30, 2009:

- a. Faxing to five newspapers designated by the Board – Hunterdon County Democrat, Hunterdon Review, Courier News, Star-Ledger and Express Times
- b. Posting on the District Website, the main bulletin board in the Administration Office and in each Clinton Township School
- c. Filing with the Clerk of Clinton Township

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:**

*Board Members:*

|   |                              |
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| <u>  X  </u> Jim Dincuff, President             | <u>  X  </u> Jody Lebbing    |
| <u>  X  </u> Donna Gregory, Vice President      | <u>  X  </u> Gene Schaedel   |
| <u>      </u> Michelle Cresti – arrived 7:42 pm | <u>      </u> Roger Straight |
| <u>      </u> Grace Hoefig                      | <u>  X  </u> Debra Weiss     |
| <u>  X  </u> Mark Kaplan                        |                              |

*District Administrators:*

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| <u>  X  </u> Mr. Kevin Carroll, Superintendent of Schools                       |
| <u>  X  </u> Mrs. Patricia A. Leonhardt, Business Administrator/Board Secretary |

**PLEDGE OF  
ALLEGIANCE:**

Mr. Schaedel led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS/REPORT**

Mr. Dincuff introduced Mr. Colantano, who presented the district's 2008-09 audit.

Ms. Lebbing discussed the confidentiality requirements of successful board membership.

Ms. Weiss discussed the need to maintain focus on our students for it is the board's true purpose.

**REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

Mr. Carroll presented the following to the Board of Education:

1. Enrollment Report
2. Suspension Report
3. District Goals
  - a. Student achievement
  - b. Communication

**REPORT OF THE SCHOOL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/BOARD SECRETARY**

**Action Items 10-BA-027 through 10-BA-032**

Correspondence:

- Notice of Resolutions Cutoff Date
- Letter from Franklyn Isaacson regarding grade structure in our elementary schools.

Informational:

- The current date of the Board of Education's next meeting is January 25, 2010.
- ASSA
- Reminder that the Strategic Plan meetings will be held Friday, January 8, 2010 (5:30 to 9:30pm) and Saturday, January 9, 2010 (9:00 am to 4:00 pm) in the Cafeteria of the Clinton Township Middle School.

**Action 10-BA-027:**

***BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education hereby approves the Regular Meeting Minutes of November 23, 2009. Motion by D. Weiss, seconded by G. Schaedel. On a roll call vote, the resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 5; nays, 0; abs, 2 (Gregory, Lebbing)*

**Action 10-BA-028:**

***BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education hereby approves the Board Secretary and Treasurer's Reports for the period ending November 30, 2009. Motion by D. Weiss, seconded by G. Schaedel. On a roll call vote, the resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 7; nays, 0.*

**Action 10-BA-029:**

***BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board Secretary, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A: 23-2.11 (c) 3 does hereby certify that as the date of these reports, no line item account has encumbrances and expenditures which in total exceed the line item appropriation in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A: 23-2.11 (a);*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Superintendent of Schools recommends that the Clinton Township Board of Education accept the updated monthly financial reports of the Secretary and Treasurer of School Monies for the month(s) of November 2009; and further recommends, in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A: 23-2.11 (c) 4, that the Board of Education certifies that no major account has been over-expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A: 23-2.11 (b), and that as of this report sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the year. Motion by D. Weiss, seconded by G. Schaedel. On a roll call vote, the resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 7; nays, 0.*

**Action 10-BA-030:**

***BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education hereby approves the **line item transfers** for the period ending November 30, 2009. Motion by D. Weiss, seconded by G. Schaedel. On a roll call vote, the resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 7; nays, 0.*

**Action 10-BA-031:**

**Resolution accepting June 30, 2009 CAFR**

***BE IT RESOLVED*** that the Board of Education hereby accepts the June 30, 2009 ***Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR)*** as presented. Motion by D. Weiss, seconded by G. Schaedel. On a roll call vote, the resolution was ***ADOPTED*** as follows: ayes, 7; nays, 0.

**Action 10-BA-032:**

**Resolution acknowledging no Audit Recommendations**

***BE IT RESOLVED*** that the Board of Education hereby acknowledges that there are no audit recommendations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009:

|   |                   |
|---|-------------------|
| 1. Administrative Practices & Procedures      | No recommendation |
| 2. Financial Planning, Accounting & Reporting | No recommendation |
| 3. School Purchasing Programs                 | No recommendation |
| 4. School Food Service                        | No recommendation |
| 5. Student Body Activities                    | No recommendation |
| 6. Application for State School Aid           | No recommendation |
| 7. Pupil Transportation                       | No recommendation |
| 8. Facilities and capital assets              | No recommendation |
| 9. Miscellaneous                              | No recommendation |
| 10. Follow-up on prior year findings          | No recommendation |

Motion by D. Weiss, seconded by G. Schaedel. On a roll call vote, the resolution was ***ADOPTED*** as follows: ayes, 7; nays, 0.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Carroll reported on the percentage of participation of parents for parent-teacher conferences.

PK – 96%  
Kdg. – 98%  
1<sup>st</sup> – 97%  
2<sup>nd</sup> – 96%  
3<sup>rd</sup> – 96%  
  
4<sup>th</sup> – 97%  
5<sup>th</sup> – 93%  
6<sup>th</sup> – 94%  
7<sup>th</sup> – 90%  
8<sup>th</sup> – 90%

Mr. Kaplan asked of the process for conveyance to the Vought House. Mrs. Leonhardt reported that the subdivision process had begun; the conveyance process will be occurring simultaneously.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY**

Amy Switlyk spoke of her support for a collaborative process with the YMCA regarding the land across from CTMS.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**FACILITIES/FINANCE:**

**Mark Kaplan – Chair, Grace Hoefig, Jody Lebbing, Debbie Weiss**  
**Action Items 10-FF-059 through 10-FF-070**

Mr. Kaplan reported on this evening’s committee meeting, which covered the gas and electrical analyses and the auditor’s presentation of the audit.

**Action 10-FF-059:**

***BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education hereby approves the payment of bills in the amount of \$456,896.19 for the period ending December 14, 2009. Motion by M. Kaplan, seconded by D. Weiss. On a roll call vote, the resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 7; nays, 0.*

**Action 10-FF-060:**

***BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education hereby 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 to 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, 2009 OMB Mileage Reimbursement Rate: \$0.31; 1/1/09 IRS Reimbursement Rate: \$0.55.*

| <b><i>Employee/ BOE Member/School</i></b> | <b><i>Program Title/Location</i></b>                        | <b><i>Date</i></b> | <b><i>Cost</i></b> | <b><i>Mileage</i></b> | <b><i>Lodging (per diem)/ Meals (Per diem)</i></b> |
|---|---|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|--|
| <i>Patrick Gugliandolo, RVS</i>           | <i>Arts Education Series, Monroe Twnshp, NJ</i>             | <i>1/21/10</i>     | <i>\$135.</i>      | <i>IRS</i>            | <i>N/A</i>   |
| <i>Deborah Paragone, CTMS</i>             | <i>Arts Education Series, Monroe Twnshp, NJ</i>             | <i>1/21/10</i>     | <i>\$135.</i>      | <i>IRS</i>            | <i>N/A</i>   |
| <i>Richard Tariff, CTMS</i>               | <i>Arts Education Series, Monroe Twnshp, NJ</i>             | <i>1/21/10</i>     | <i>\$131.25</i>    | <i>IRS</i>            | <i>N/A</i>   |
| <i>Richard Tariff, CTMS</i>               | <i>Arts Education Series, Monroe Twnshp, NJ</i>             | <i>3/1/10</i>      | <i>\$131.25</i>    | <i>IRS</i>            | <i>N/A</i>   |
| <i>Richard Tariff, CTMS</i>               | <i>Arts Education Series, Monroe Twnshp, NJ</i>             | <i>4/26/10</i>     | <i>\$131.25</i>    | <i>IRS</i>            | <i>N/A</i>   |
| <i>Kelly DiGioia, PMG</i>                 | <i>Arts Education Series, Monroe Twnshp, NJ</i>             | <i>1/21/10</i>     | <i>\$135.</i>      | <i>IRS</i>            | <i>N/A</i>   |
| <i>Jessica Schafer, RVS</i>               | <i>Instructional Decision Making in Reading, Newark, NJ</i> | <i>4/22/10</i>     | <i>\$219.</i>      | <i>IRS</i>            | <i>N/A</i>   |

|                                  |   |   |               |            |            |
|----------------------------------|---|---|---------------|------------|------------|
| <i>Diane Flanigan,<br/>PMG</i>   | <i>Integrating NDT, SI<br/>and Motor Learning<br/>Perspectives<br/>Conference,<br/>Mountainside, NJ</i> | <i>5/7/10</i>   | <i>\$425.</i> | <i>IRS</i> | <i>N/A</i> |
| <i>Lisa Fama, CTMS</i>           | <i>Practical Therapy<br/>Techniques for<br/>Persistent Articulation<br/>Errors, Newark, NJ</i>          | <i>2/10/10</i>  | <i>\$215.</i> | <i>IRS</i> | <i>N/A</i> |
| <i>Heather Hoffman,<br/>PMG</i>  | <i>Co-Teaching that<br/>Works, Newark, NJ</i>   | <i>1/13/10</i>  | <i>\$215.</i> | <i>IRS</i> | <i>N/A</i> |
| <i>Kelly Hill, PMG</i>           | <i>What Really Matters in<br/>Response to<br/>Intervention, Kean<br/>Univ.</i>                          | <i>1/8/10</i>   | <i>\$108.</i> | <i>IRS</i> | <i>N/A</i> |
| <i>Catharine Miller,<br/>PMG</i> | <i>What Really Matters in<br/>Response to<br/>Intervention, Kean<br/>Univ.</i>                          | <i>1/8/10</i>   | <i>\$108.</i> | <i>IRS</i> | <i>N/A</i> |
| <i>Lynne DiLeo,<br/>PMG</i>      | <i>Current, Best<br/>Strategies for<br/>Enhancing Your Skills<br/>as a School Nurse,<br/>Newark, NJ</i> | <i>1/19/10</i>  | <i>\$199.</i> | <i>IRS</i> | <i>N/A</i> |
| <i>Rita Russomano,<br/>RVS</i>   | <i>Math Activities Across<br/>the Standards, Rutgers<br/>Univ.</i>                                      | <i>1/26/10<br/>(re-<br/>scheduled<br/>from<br/>12/9/09)</i> | <i>\$165.</i> | <i>IRS</i> | <i>N/A</i> |

*Motion by M. Kaplan, seconded by D. Weiss. On a roll call vote, the resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 7; nays, 0.*

**Action 10-FF-061:**

***BE IT RESOLVED*** that the Board of Education hereby approves the service contract with Otis Elevator for the period 12/1/09 through 11/30/10 in the amount of \$1,548.76. Motion by M. Kaplan, seconded by D. Weiss. On a roll call vote, the resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 7; nays, 0.

**Action 10-FF-062:**

***BE IT RESOLVED*** that the Board of Education hereby acknowledges the following requests for graduate course approval, in accordance with the Negotiated Agreement:

| <i>Employee</i>                | <i>Semester</i>    | <i>Course</i>                                      | <i>Credits</i> |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|--|----------------|
| <i>Paula Stanwick, RVS</i>     | <i>Spring 2010</i> | <i>Field Experience in Educational Technology</i>  | <i>3</i>       |
| <i>Patricia Comly, CTMS</i>    | <i>Spring 2010</i> | <i>World of Math: Geometric View</i>               | <i>3</i>       |
| <i>Patricia Comly, CTMS</i>    | <i>Spring 2010</i> | <i>Supervisor Instruct - Personnel &amp; Eval.</i> | <i>3</i>       |
| <i>Carolyn Schmid, RVS</i>     | <i>Spring 2010</i> | <i>Working with Family &amp; Teaching Autism</i>   | <i>6</i>       |
| <i>Diane Udovich, SRS</i>      | <i>Spring 2010</i> | <i>Issues &amp; Challenges in ECED</i>             | <i>3</i>       |
| <i>Mary McLoughlin, Admin.</i> | <i>Spring 2010</i> | <i>Dissertation Advisement III</i>                 | <i>3</i>       |
| <i>Jill Selbo, CTMS</i>        | <i>Spring 2010</i> | <i>Multicultural Counseling</i>                    | <i>3</i>       |

*Motion by M. Kaplan, seconded by D. Weiss. On a roll call vote, the resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 7; nays, 0.*

**Action 10-FF-063:**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.A.C. 6A: 23A-5.3 provides that a school district may request a waiver of compliance with respect to the district's participation in the Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Program for the 2010-2011; and

**WHEREAS** the Clinton Township Board of Education desires to apply for this waiver due to the fact that based upon the December 1, 2009 count, it projects having fewer than 30 Medicaid eligible classified students 2010-2011 budget year;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Clinton Township Board of Education hereby authorizes the Chief School Administrator to submit to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools in the County of Hunterdon an appropriate waiver of the requirements of NJAC 6A23A-5.3 for the 2010-2011 school year.

*Motion by M. Kaplan, seconded by D. Weiss. On a roll call vote, the resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 7; nays, 0.*

**Action 10-FF-064: - TABLED**

**WHEREAS**, the Alliance For Competitive Energy Services (hereinafter referred to as "ACES"), an alliance composed of the New Jersey School Boards Association (hereinafter referred to as "NJSBA"), the New Jersey Association of School Administrators, and the New Jersey Association of School Business Officials, will from time to time during the Effective Period as defined below solicit bids from **natural gas suppliers** for retail natural gas supply services including interstate transportation to the local natural gas distribution utility company (Natural Gas Supply Services)

*through an energy aggregation program in which NJSBA will act as Lead Agency of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System #E8801-ACESCPS in accordance with the "Public School Contracts Law", N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 et seq., and the Electric Discount and Energy Competition Act, N.J.S.A. 48:3-49 et seq. ("EDECA") and the regulations promulgated thereunder; and*

***WHEREAS***, *the Clinton Township School District is a Participating member of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System and is eligible thereby to obtain natural gas services for its own use through one or more contracts to be awarded to natural gas suppliers following said bids for natural gas services pursuant to the aggregation program; and*

***WHEREAS***, *the Lead Agency will from time to time during the Effective Period (from date of adoption through May 2014, hereinafter referred to as "Effective Period") issue one or more Requests for Bids for natural gas services on behalf of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System pursuant to the Public School Contracts Law and EDECA; and*

***WHEREAS***, *due to significant volatility and the potential for price increases in the wholesale natural gas market, Participating Members will preauthorize the Lead Agency to award contracts for Natural Gas Supply Service in each service territory to one or more natural gas suppliers that submits bids which are reasonably forecasted to provide estimated savings to the Participating Member based upon its previous natural gas usage and utility provided Basic Gas Supply Service rates; and*

***WHEREAS***, *the Lead Agency will only award contracts for said Natural Gas Supply Services to natural gas suppliers that submit bids with pricing reasonably estimated to be lower than the utility-provided basic gas supply service; and*

***WHEREAS***, *the District agrees to purchase all Natural Gas Supply Services for its own use during the Effective Period through any natural gas supplier(s) awarded a contract, it being understood that the term of any one contract shall be subject to the provisions of Public School Contracts Law; and*

***WHEREAS***, *the Lead Agency will notify the Department of Community Affairs' Division of Local Government Services by mail prior to the issuance a Request for Bids for natural gas supply services, with the understanding that if the Division of Local Government Services does not respond within 10 business days, it will be deemed to have approved the issuance of the Request for Bids or the Request for Rebids.*

*NOW, therefore, be it*

***RESOLVED*** *that the District binds itself to the ACES Cooperative Pricing System ##E8801-ACESCPS to purchase all natural gas supply services needed for its own use during the Effective Period from the natural gas supplier or suppliers awarded a contract for natural Gas supply services by the Lead Agency; and, be it*

***FURTHER RESOLVED*** *that the Lead Agency of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System is hereby authorized to execute a master performance agreement that obligates the district to purchase natural gas at the terms and conditions stated therein with a third-party supplier or suppliers who have been awarded the contract or contracts by the Lead Agency on behalf of the participating members of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System #E8801-ACESCPS (or any CPS number to be assigned in the future), and provided further that all such contracts shall be at prices reasonably*

*forecast and estimated by the Lead Agency to provide savings to the districts relative to the price charged for basic gas supply service by the natural gas public utility that would otherwise provide such service; and, be it*

***FURTHER RESOLVED*** that ACES is authorized to continue to bid to obtain natural gas services at any time during the Effective Period on behalf of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System including, for example, a rebid if energy market conditions do not initially lead to a successful bid, on additional dates to be determined by the Lead Agency; and

***FURTHER RESOLVED*** that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage. The authorization provided to the NJSBA pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Laws (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5)), and the Local Public and Public School Contracts Laws Administrative Code (N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.1 et seq.) shall be valid until May 2014 (the Effective Period) at which time the Cooperative Pricing System will be subject to renewal. Any rescission of this resolution shall not affect any Agreements entered into prior to such rescission or expiration.

**Action 10-FF-065:**

***WHEREAS***, the Alliance For Competitive Energy Services (hereinafter referred to as “ACES”), an alliance composed of the New Jersey School Boards Association (hereinafter referred to as “NJSBA”), the New Jersey Association of School Administrators, and the New Jersey Association of School Business Officials, will from time to time during the Effective Period as defined below solicit bids from electric power suppliers for electric generation services through an energy aggregation program in which NJSBA will act as Lead Agency of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System #E8801-ACESCPS in accordance with the “Public School Contracts Law”, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 et seq., and the Electric Discount and Energy Competition Act, N.J.S.A. 48:3-49 et seq. (“EDECA”) and the regulations promulgated thereunder; and

***WHEREAS***, the Clinton Township Board of Education is a Participating member of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System and is eligible thereby to obtain electric generation services for its own use through one or more contracts to be awarded to electric power suppliers following said bids for electric generation services pursuant to the aggregation program; and

***WHEREAS***, the Lead Agency will from time to time during the Effective Period (from date of adoption through May 2014 hereinafter referred to as “Effective Period”) issue one or more Requests for Bids for electric generation services on behalf of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System pursuant to the Public School Contracts Law and EDECA; and

***WHEREAS***, due to significant volatility and the potential for price increases in the wholesale electric market, Participating Members will preauthorize the Lead Agency to award contracts for Electric Generation Service in each service territory to one or more electric power suppliers that submit bids which are reasonably forecasted to provide estimated savings to the Participating Member based upon its previous electric usage and utility provided Basic Generation Service rates; and

***WHEREAS***, the Lead Agency will only award contracts for said electric generation services to electric power suppliers that submit bids with pricing reasonably estimated to be lower than the utility-provided basic generation service; and



***WHEREAS**, the District agrees to purchase all electric power needed for its own use (exclusive of on-site electric generation sources) during the Effective Period through any electric power supplier(s) awarded a contract, it being understood that the term of any one contract shall be subject to the provisions of Public School Contracts Law;*

***WHEREAS**, the Lead Agency will notify the Department of Community Affairs' Division of Local Government Services by mail prior to the issuance a Request for Bids for electric generation services, with the understanding that if the Division of Local Government Services does not respond within 10 business days, it will be deemed to have approved the issuance of the Request for Bids or the Request for Rebids.*

***NOW**, therefore, be it*

***RESOLVED** that the District binds itself to the ACES Cooperative Pricing System ##E8801-ACESCPS to purchase all electric power needed for its own use (exclusive of on-site electric generation sources) during the Effective Period from the electric power supplier or suppliers awarded a contract for electric generation services by the Lead Agency; and, be it*

***FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Lead Agency of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System is hereby authorized to execute a master performance agreement that obligates the district to purchase electricity at the terms and conditions stated therein with a third-party supplier or suppliers who have been awarded the contract or contracts by the Lead Agency on behalf of the participating members of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System #E8801-ACESCPS (or any CPS number to be assigned in the future), and provided further that all such contracts shall be at prices reasonably forecast and estimated by the Lead Agency to provide savings to the Districts relative to the price charged for basic generation service by the electric public utility that would otherwise provide such service; and, be it*

***FURTHER RESOLVED** that ACES is authorized to continue to bid to obtain electric generation services at any time during the Effective Period on behalf of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System including, for example, a rebid if energy market conditions do not initially lead to a successful bid, on additional dates to be determined by the Lead Agency; and*

***FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage. The authorization provided to the NJSBA pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Laws (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5)), and the Local Public and Public School Contracts Laws Administrative Code (N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.1 et seq.) shall be valid until May 2014 (the Effective Period) at which time the Cooperative Pricing System will be subject to renewal. Any rescission or expiration of this resolution shall not affect any Agreements entered into prior to such rescission or expiration.*

*Motion by M. Kaplan, seconded by D. Weiss. On a roll call vote, the resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 7; nays, 0.*

**Action 10-FF-066:**

***BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education hereby approves Clinton Township's Standard Operating Procedures and Internal Controls Manual, as distributed. Motion by M. Kaplan, seconded by D. Weiss. On a roll call vote, the resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 7; nays, 0.*

**Action 10-FF-067:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education hereby approves a contract with the Lebanon Borough Board of Education for a 1:1 Teaching Assistant for a Lebanon Borough Student attending Clinton Township Middle School (SID #2868172735). The pro-rated cost for 2009-10 is \$ 22,400. Motion by M. Kaplan, seconded by D. Weiss. On a roll call vote, the resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 7; nays, 0.

**Action 10-FF-068:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education hereby accepts the following approved grant from the Clinton Township Foundation for Educational Excellence:

*RVS – RV Community Interactive Learning Center w/Motorized Screen in the amount of \$9,316.15.*

*Motion by M. Kaplan, seconded by D. Weiss. On a roll call vote, the resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 7; nays, 0.*

**Action 10-FF-069:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the acceptance of the Fiscal Year 2010 NCLB Grant as follows:

|                                       |          |
|---------------------------------------|----------|
| Title II-A (Training and Recruitment) | \$25,742 |
| Title III (LEP Consortium TBD)        | \$ 2,163 |
| Title IV (Safe and Drug Free Schools) | \$ 3,199 |

*Motion by M. Kaplan, seconded by D. Weiss. On a roll call vote, the resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 7; nays, 0.*

**Action 10-FF-070:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the acceptance of the IDEA ARRA Grant as follows:

- 1.) **Basic:**

|                   |           |
|-------------------|-----------|
| Total Allocation: | \$452,535 |
| Public Share:     | \$399,968 |
| Non-Public:       | \$ 52,567 |
  
- 2.) **Preschool:**

|                   |           |
|-------------------|-----------|
| Total Allocation: | \$ 16,377 |
| Public Share:     | \$ 16,377 |
| Non-Public Share: | --        |

*Motion by M. Kaplan, seconded by D. Weiss. On a roll call vote, the resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 7; nays, 0.*

**PERSONNEL/NEGOTIATIONS:**

**Michelle Cresti – Chair, Donna Gregory, Jim Dincuff, Debbie Weiss**  
**Action Items 10-PN-104 through 10-PN-119**

**PLEASE NOTE 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.**

Ms. Cresti reported on the Personnel/Negotiations meeting, which finalized the Board's proposals for the upcoming CTEA negotiations. The first meeting with the CTEA is scheduled for January 7, 2010 in the Library at Round Valley School.

**Action 10-PN-104:**

***BE IT RESOLVED*** that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the following movement across the salary guide:

*Colleen Caballero BA +45, Step D, \$52,850 MA in F+15, Step D, \$55,350*

*Motion by M. Cresti, seconded by D. Gregory. On a roll call vote, the resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 7; nays, 0.*

**Action 10-PN-105:**

***BE IT RESOLVED*** that the Board of Education hereby accepts the Notice of Resignation from **Sue Sherman**, Bus Aide effective December 4, 2009. Motion by M. Cresti, seconded by D. Gregory. On a roll call vote, the resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 7; nays, 0.

**Action 10-PN-106:**

***BE IT RESOLVED*** that the Board of Education hereby accepts with regret, the Notice of Resignation from **Nancy Randazzo**, Recess/Lunch Aide effective December 9, 2009. Motion by M. Cresti, seconded by D. Gregory. On a roll call vote, the resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 7; nays, 0.

**Action 10-PN-107:**

***BE IT RESOLVED*** that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the following field placement students from Raritan Valley Community College to observe at **Spruce Run School** in the spring 2010:

- *Courtney Rucando will observe with Jennifer Tarnoski (Kdg.) (Three hours once a week for five weeks, 2/8/10 to 3/8/10)*
- *Theresa Fernandes will observe with Gabrielle MacQueen (Kdg.) (Three hours once a week for five weeks, 2/8/10 to 3/8/10)*
- *Karen Schlosser will observe with Carol Russoniello (1<sup>st</sup> Gr.) (Three hours once a week for*

- five weeks 3/15/10 to 4/12/10
- Kathryn Busch will observe with Kathleen Merrigan Pilla (1<sup>st</sup> Gr.) (Three hours once a week for 10 weeks beginning 2/8/10)

Motion by M. Cresti, seconded by D. Gregory. On a roll call vote, the resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 7; nays, 0.

**Action 10-PN-108:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education hereby approves the request for an extension of Maternity Leave Replacement teacher contract for **Tracey O'Brien** from February 1, 2010 to June 30, 2010. Ms. O'Brien is replacing Erinn Auletta who was Board approved on November 23, 2009 for a maternity leave extension. Motion by M. Cresti, seconded by D. Gregory. On a roll call vote, the resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 7; nays, 0.

**Action 10-PN-109:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education hereby authorizes Amy Thau who is in the Masters in Library and Information Science program at Rutgers University, to do field work in the **Spruce Run and Patrick McGaheran** Libraries with Susan Ehlert during the Spring 2010 semester. Motion by M. Cresti, seconded by D. Gregory. On a roll call vote, the resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 7; nays, 0.

**Action 10-PN-110:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education hereby approves **Joanne Ruggiero** as a Teacher's Assistant per IEP needs at Spruce Run School effective December 15, 2009 as a FTE, Step 2-3, BA at a pro rated salary of \$20,993 for the 2009-10 school year. Motion by M. Cresti, seconded by D. Gregory. On a roll call vote, the resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 7; nays, 0.

**Action 10-PN-111:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education hereby approves the request for an extension of Medical/Disability Leave for **Timothy Barton** from December 23, 2009 to March 31, 2010, with an anticipated return date of April 5, 2010. Motion by M. Cresti, seconded by D. Gregory. On a roll call vote, the resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 7; nays, 0.

**Action 10-PN-112:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education hereby approves the request for an extension as a Medical Leave Replacement – Grade 3 Teacher (Barton) for **Shannon Rolak** effective December 23, 2009 to March 31, 2010 at an annual salary of \$46,990 (pro-rated.) Motion by M. Cresti, seconded by D. Gregory. On a roll call vote, the resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 7; nays, 0.

**Action 10-PN-113:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education hereby approves the request for an extension as a Medical Leave Replacement – Grade 3 Teachers Assistant (Rolak) for **Beth Ann Klepper** effective December 23, 2009 to January 22, 2010 at an annual salary of \$20,593 (pro-rated). Motion by M. Cresti, seconded by D. Gregory. On a roll call vote, the resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 7; nays, 0.

**Action 10-PN-114:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the following field placement students from Raritan Valley Community College to observe at **Patrick McGaheeran School** in the spring 2010:

- Candance Ahlquist will observe Heather Hoffman- grade 3 (Three hours once a week for five weeks, Feb 8. - Mar. 8)
- Nicole Fuentes will observe Lisanne Bartram- grade 2 (Three hours once a week for five weeks, Feb 8. - Mar. 8)
- Michael Burtnick will observe Dennis Stinner- grade 2 (Three hours once a week for five weeks, Mar. 15- Apr. 12)

Motion by M. Cresti, seconded by D. Gregory. On a roll call vote, the resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 7; nays, 0.

**Action 10-PN-116:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education hereby approves a Disability/Maternity Leave of Absence for **Stephanie Snyder**, PMG Spec. Ed 2nd<sup>h</sup> grade for the period beginning April 12, 2010 through May 21, 2010. Motion by M. Cresti, seconded by D. Gregory. On a roll call vote, the resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 7; nays, 0

**Action 10-PN-117:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education hereby approves the request for a Child Rearing Leaving of Absence for **Stephanie Snyder** for the period beginning May 24, 2010 and ending June 30, 2010. Motion by M. Cresti, seconded by D. Gregory. On a roll call vote, the resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 7; nays, 0.

**Action 10-PN-118:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education hereby authorizes a revised start date as a Maternity Leave Replacement for **Faith Fuhrman**, SRS School Nurse from January 4, 2010 to be modified to November 30, 2009. Motion by M. Cresti, seconded by D. Gregory. On a roll call vote, the resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 7; nays, 0.

**Action 10-PN-119:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education hereby approves **Ellen Sidbury** as a Maternity Leave Replacement for **Jennifer Paccione**, RVS Literacy Coach effective February 22, 2010 as a FTE, Step A, BA, at a pro rated salary of \$46,990 for the 2009-2010 school year. Motion by M.

*Cresti, seconded by D. Gregory. On a roll call vote, the resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 7; nays, 0.*

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**POLICY/CURRICULUM:**

**Roger Straight – Chair, Jody Lebbing, Gene Schaedel  
Action Item 10-PC-006**

Ms. Lebbing reported on the committee’s meeting, which centered on a review of the draft policies as compiled by Strauss Esmay and reviewed/modified by District Administrators.

**Action 10-PC-006:**

*BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby approves the following field trip (costs are funded through outside sources):*

| <i>Teacher</i>                       | <i>Destination</i>   | <i>Grade/Group</i>     | <i>Date</i>   |
|--------------------------------------|--|------------------------|---|
| <i>Alice Hornbake</i>                | <i>State Theatre, Easton, PA<br/>“Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing”</i> | <i>Grade 3</i>         | <i>March 23, 2010</i>                               |
| <i>Jill Selbol/<br/>Carla Molloy</i> | <i>Buehler Challenger Center<br/>Paramus, NJ</i>                       | <i>Grade 7</i>         | <i>April 5, 6, 7 &amp; 8,<br/>2010</i>              |
| <i>Betsy Hodulik</i>                 | <i>Lebanon Township Museum<br/>Lebanon, NJ</i>                         | <i>Grade 2</i>         | <i>April 6, 8, 13, 15, 20,<br/>22, 27, 29, 2010</i> |
| <i>Betsy Hodulik</i>                 | <i>Merrill Creek Reservoir<br/>Washington, NJ</i>                      | <i>Grade 2</i>         | <i>May 27, 28 &amp; June 2,<br/>2010</i>            |
| <i>Diane Cormican</i>                | <i>NJ Bar Foundation</i>   | <i>Grade 7 &amp; 8</i> | <i>May 25, 2010</i>                                 |

*Motion by J. Lebbing, seconded by G. Schaedel. On a roll call vote, the resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 7; nays, 0.*

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

**Donna Gregory – Chair, Michelle Cresti, Grace Hoefig, Gene Schaedel**

Ms. Gregory reported that the newsletter is being compiled; drafts are expected Tuesday, 12/15/09.

**RECOGNITION OF THE PUBLIC:**

Ms. Switlyk questioned the status of video taping on our school buses. Mr. Carroll reported on the over thirty thousand dollar price tag and alternate methods for ensuring appropriate behavior on the bus.

Ms. McLaughlin asked of the status of the use of purchased services for our special education population. Ms. McLaughlin also asked of the status of the availability of substitute teachers as pertains to the Professional Development for staff, as well as planned upcoming training.

**NEW BUSINESS** – None at this time.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Action 10-AJ-008:**

***BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education adjourns this meeting at 8:25 pm. Motion by M. Cresti seconded by D. Gregory. On a roll call vote, the resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 7; nays, 0.*

Respectfully Submitted,

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Patricia A. Leonhardt  
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

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Board of Education Approved:

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Frank "Jim" Dincuff  
Board President

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Date