

**CLINTON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES
Special Meeting – June 13, 2011 – 7:00 PM
Clinton Township Middle School – Library**

CALL TO ORDER: Mr. Dincuff called the meeting to order at 7:37 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 May 16, 2011:

- 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:

Jim Dincuff, President

Michelle Cresti – Vice President

Marc Freda

Maria Grant

Donna Gregory

Grace Hoefig

Mark Kaplan

Kevin Sturges

Michelle Sullivan

Present:

District Administrators:

Mr. Kevin Carroll, Superintendent of Schools

Mrs. Patricia A. Leonhardt, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

**PLEDGE OF
ALLEGIANCE:**

Ms. Grant led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESIDENT’S COMMENTS/REPORT

Mr. Dincuff announced that the order of this evening’s meeting will be reversed. The meeting will begin with a presentation on Solar Energy followed by a discussion on ARRA.

Mr. Dincuff also acknowledged former Board of Education member Debbie Weiss and thanked her for her years of service.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Settembrino presented his design (via PowerPoint) for the installation of solar in the Clinton Township District.

- The Board then discussed the following:
 - Noted the new design seems to move away from roof top mounts. Mr. Settembrino agreed, noting the age of some of the roofs.
 - Snow accumulation on the canopy mounts. It was noted that the dark color adds to snow melting more quickly. The ability for melted snow to ice up under the canopies would have to be addressed by the maintenance/custodial staff.
 - Clearance provided by the canopy mounts under is 8 and half feet off the ground. This allows our trucks to get under there for removal.
 - Lights are often installed under the canopies because current lighting will not permeate the canopies.
 - The savings projection is based on 9.5 cent, which Mr. Settembrino chose based on history.
 - The board can modify the proposed placement of the panels.
 - The ground mount is \$2.00 per watt with canopy mount approximately \$7.00 per watt.

RECOGNITION OF THE PUBLIC – Agenda Items Only

The public was then given the opportunity to ask questions, which they did regarding:

- If the energy produced by a solar panel is affected by its placement (ground vs. solar vs. roof). Is affected by angle and amount of southern exposure not type of mount. Cost is affected by mount.
- If the Board has done a cost benefit analysis of using the land across from Clinton Township Middle School for solar vs. the other possible options. These results are requested.
- The aesthetics of canopy installation was discussed. Suggestion was to reduce dependence on the canopy installations, which can be unsightly.
- The ability of the canopy installations to withstand the strong winds, especially those which occur at Spruce Run School. Mr. Settembrino discussed it is based on the design.
- It was requested that the district be provided by Mr. Settembrino a list of districts with solar installations. The district will then reach out to them to discuss the experience.
- A concern regarding a potential need to fence ground mounts, to reduce the risk of vandals.

It was noted that the RFP respondents can alter the location of the panels but must be within the general parameters.

The presence of the PowerPoint and the ability to provided feedback will be communicated via Tuesday Tidings.

- It was decided that the Facilities and Finance Committee work on a proposal; all board members and the public are welcome to provide input, directly to Mrs. Leonhardt via email, no later than Monday, June 20, 2011.
- The PowerPoint from tonight will be put on the district's website.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Sturges presented a PowerPoint regarding ARRA funds.

The board asked addition questions which Mrs. Mary McLoughlin, Directory of Special Services, answered regarding the scope and genre of expenses.

The board noted its wish that communication was handled differently.

Members of the public discussed their desire for a higher level of communication. After much discussion it was decided to revisit the last expenditure of funds at the June 27th meeting.

RECOGNITION OF THE PUBLIC – Agenda Items Only

Members of the public:

- Discussed the process involved in the renewal of the Superintendent's contract of which they were critical.
- Gave input requesting that the Superintendent's contract not be renewed
- Discussed the timing of the public hearing on the Superintendent's contract renewal, feeling that many parents may be out of town on June 27th.
- Discussed the Strategic Plan and required published annual reports, which will be provided in July. It was also suggested that a District Climate Survey be conducted.
- Discussed the handling of the environmental concerns at Patrick McGaheran School, for which Mr. Carroll was criticized.
- A member of the public addressed the fact that Brinkerhoff was not given the data already gathered by community members. It was also requested that the Ad Hoc Committee gather again to be brought up to date.
- Requested that Superintendent Carroll share his vision for the district.
- Informed the Board that a 12-13 page letter will be submitted, sections of which were discussed, revolving around the role of the Superintendent in student achievement.

FACILITIES/FINANCE:

Mark Kaplan – Chair; Marc Freda, Grace Hoefig & Kevin Sturges

Action Items 11-FF-150 through 11-FF-173

Action 11-FF-174 -TABLED

***BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education hereby approves the expenditure of \$67,725 for special education technology under ARRA.*

Action 11-FF-175 - TABLED

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby approves the purchase of the following supplies under ARRA:

Special Education Math Supplies \$5,240
Special Education Language Arts Supplies \$2,479
Specialized Furniture for the Autism Class \$1,000

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, June 13, 2011 to discuss Superintendent's evaluation.*
- 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.*
- d. Action will not be taken upon return.*

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

Donna Gregory excused herself at this time

ADJOURNMENT:

Action 11-AJ-021:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education adjourns this meeting at 12:32 am. Motion by M. Kaplan, seconded by D. Gregory. On a roll call vote, the resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 8; nays, 0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia Leonhardt, Business Administrator

Minutes Prepared: 6/15/11

Minutes remain unofficial until Board of Education approval

Board of Education Approved:

Frank "Jim" Dincuff
Board President

Date

