**CLINTON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**MINUTES**

**Special Meeting June 11, 2013 at 6:30 PM**

**Clinton Township Middle School Library**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mr. Sturges called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

**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 a public notice on June 5, 2013.

1. Faxing to three newspapers designated by the Board – Hunterdon County Democrat, Hunterdon Review and Express Times
2. Posting on the District Website, the main bulletin board in the Administration Office and in each Clinton Township School
3. Faxing to the Clerk of Clinton Township

**ROLL CALL**

 **Present:** *Board Members:*

Kevin Sturges, President Kevin Maloy

 Maria Grant, Vice President Rachel McLaughlin

 Michelle Cresti Dan McTiernan

 Marc Freda Michelle Sullivan

 John Higgins

 **Present:** *District Administrators:*

Dr. Drucilla W. Clark, Superintendent of Schools

 Mrs. Heather A. Spitzer, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

**PLEDGE OF**

**ALLEGIANCE:** Mr. Freda led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY**

Mr. Corcodillos addressed the Board with concerns regarding the time line of advertising and posting of the Clinton Township Middle School Principal position. Dr. Clark explained the district is required to advertise the meeting in advanced, however the public agenda with the candidates name was posted after the close of the position advertisement.

**FIRST RECOGNITION OF THE PUBLIC**

No comments at this time.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**PERSONNEL/NEGOTIATIONS:**

**Dan McTiernan – Chair; Michelle Cresti, John Higgins & Kevin Maloy**

**Action Item 13-PN-245**

**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 AND WITHIN THE CURRENT SCHOOL BUDGET**

**Action 13-PN-245:**

***BE IT RESOLVED*** *that the Board of Education hereby appoints* ***Judith Hammond*** *as principal at Clinton Township Middle School, effective July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014, with a salary of $115,000.*

Ms. McLaughlin asked “Why is the candidate pool shrinking?” Dr. Clark responded that due to tenure rule changes and the new principal evaluation system, experienced principals are not moving from district to district. Districts are also eliminating vice principal and supervisory positions due to budget cuts, compounding the problem for available talent.

Mr. McTiernan stated that other districts are experiencing the same issues in education.

Mr. Sturges stated that he has been active on the Board for 7 years, and that Mrs. Hammond is a leader and he is looking forward to her appointment.

*Motion by M. Grant, Seconded by J. Higgins. The Board adopts resolution 13-PN-245 on a roll call vote as follows: ayes 9; nays 0.*

**SECOND RECOGNITION OF THE PUBLIC**

Mr. Corcodillos expressed concerns about the interviewing and selection process of the Clinton Township Middle School Principal. Dr. Clark explained that although the process is to use a committee made up of staff and Board members, she recommended Mrs. Hammond without this process because of the pool of candidates responding and the need to transition quickly.

Mrs. Cresti left the meeting at 7:07 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Action 13-AJ-017:**

***BE IT RESOLVED*** *that the Board of Education hereby adjourns this meeting.*

*Motion by M. Freda, Seconded by R.McLaughlin. The resolution was adopted by the full membership of the Board at 7:08 p.m.*

Respectfully Submitted,

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Heather A. Spitzer

Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Minutes Prepared: 6/14/13

Minutes remain unofficial until Board of Education approval.

Board of Education Approved:

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Kevin Sturges, President Date