

**CLINTON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

MINUTES

**Special Meeting March 17, 2014 at 7:30 PM
Clinton Township Middle School Auditorium**

CALL TO ORDER: Ms. Grant 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 public notice on March 4, 2014.

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

ROLL CALL

Present:

Board Members:

Maria Grant, President

Rachel McLaughlin, Vice President

Gina Hand

Kevin Maloy

Dan McTiernan

John Patuto

Present:

District Administrators:

Dr. Drucilla W. Clark, Superintendent of Schools

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

Not Present:

Marc Freda

Kevin Sturges

Megan Verderamo

**PLEDGE OF
ALLEGIANCE:**

Mrs. Hand led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS/REPORT

Ms. Grant appointed Mr. Maloy as process guardian.

Ms. Grant provided a summary of the budget process.

- Budget Presentation – Dr. Clark & Mrs. Spitzer

PUBLIC COMMENTS – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Public comment session opened at 8:32 pm

- Mrs. Ford, liked that the budget is lean, however would prefer full day kindergarten. Would like the Board to reconsider full day for the 2014-15 school year.
- Mrs. Brennan, requested that the Board vote no because full day kindergarten not included.
- Mr. Sauers, has twins entering kindergarten this fall. Would like the Board to reconsider full day kindergarten. Made the decision to move to Clinton Township due to Blue Ribbon School status.
- Mrs. Sudol, inquired on the status of full day kindergarten and survey results, the ad-hoc committee has not communicated anything further.
- Mrs. Hodkinson, expressed that full day kindergarten is the highest level of academics for children, and the district needs a full day program. She also commented that there has not been any further communication after the survey from the ad-hoc committee. She then requested that the Board consider voting no in order to add full day kindergarten.
- Mrs. Berry, expressed concerns on full day kindergarten.

Public comment session closed at 8:48 p.m.

FIRST RECOGNITION OF THE PUBLIC

No comments at this time.

FACILITIES/FINANCE:

Kevin Maloy - Chair; Maria Grant, Dan McTiernan & John Patuto
Action Item 14-FF-148

Action 14-FF-148:

***BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education hereby approves the following resolution adopting the 2014/15 Tentative Proposed Budget.*

***BE IT RESOLVED** that the tentative budget be approved for the 2014/15 school year using the 2014/15 state aid figures and the Secretary to the Board of Education be authorized to submit the following tentative budget to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools for approval in accordance with the statutory deadline and to advertise said tentative budget in the Hunterdon Democrat in accordance with the form prescribed by the State Department of Education and according to law; and;*

	<i>General Fund</i>	<i>Special Revenues</i>	<i>Debt Service</i>	<i>TOTAL</i>
<i>2014/15 Total Expenditures</i>	<i>\$ 26,413,316</i>	<i>\$ 346,920</i>	<i>\$ 2,153,368</i>	<i>\$28,913,604</i>

<i>Less: Anticipated Revenues</i>	\$ 3,832,818	\$ 346,920	\$ 40,000	\$ 4,219,738
<i>Taxes to be Raised</i>	\$ 22,580,498	\$ -	\$ 2,113,368	\$24,693,866

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a public hearing be held at the Clinton Township Middle School Auditorium, 34 Grayrock Road, Clinton, New Jersey on April 28, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on the budget for the 2014/15 school year.

WHEREAS, the Clinton Township Board of Education recognizes school staff and Board members will incur travel expenses related to and within the scope of their current responsibilities and for travel that promotes the delivery of instruction or furthers the efficient operation of the school district; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6A: 23A-7.3 et seq. requires Board members to receive approval of these expenses by a majority of the full voting membership of the Board and staff members to receive prior approval of these expenses by the Superintendent of Schools and a majority of the full voting membership of the Board; and

WHEREAS, a Board of Education may establish, for regular district business travel only, an annual school year threshold of \$1,500 per staff member where prior Board approval shall not be required unless this annual threshold for a staff member is exceeded in a given school year (July 1 through June 30); and

WHEREAS, travel and related expenses not in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A: 23A-7.3 et seq., but deemed by the Board of Education to be necessary and unavoidable as noted on the approved Board of Education Out of District Travel and Reimbursement Forms; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves all travel not in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A: 23A-7.3 et seq. as being necessary and unavoidable as noted on the approved Board of Education Out of District Travel and Reimbursement Forms; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves travel and related expense reimbursements in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.3(b)1, to a maximum expenditure of \$100,000 for all staff and board members.

Motion by R. McLaughlin, Seconded by D. McTiernan. The Board adopts resolution 14-FF-148 on a roll call vote as follows: ayes 6; nays 0

SECOND RECOGNITION OF THE PUBLIC

Public comment session opened at 8:59 p.m.

- Mrs. Sudol, commented that in December 2011, Mrs. Goad gave a presentation, and an ad-hoc committee was formed then because there was not enough information.

- Mrs. Hodkinson, expressed that time is not our friend on the full day kindergarten issue, and her disappointment that after 2½ years from a previous ad-hoc committee there is still no data. Mrs. Grant responded that the district has new administration and committee, this committee was appointed in Nov/Dec and needs additional data.
- Mrs. Brennan, added that she remembered that the 2011 ad-hoc committee recommended table the proposal, due to issues.
- Mrs. Lasky requested names of people on the current committee and inquired if those would change. She also commented that Flemington-Raritan & Readington school districts will be full day programs this fall.
- Mrs. Ford inquired about the large margin the district has in the proposed budget before exceeding 2% cap.
- Ms. Martorano, educator at NHHS, commented that Clinton Township students are “stellar” at High School. She expressed her disappointment that the full day kindergarten conversation is still going on, what can the community do to help?

Mrs. Grant commented that this is the first the Board has heard directly from the community on this issue, and she encouraged everyone to attend the public kindergarten presentation.

Public comment session closed at 9:09 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Action 14-AJ-013:

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

Motion by R. McLaughlin, Seconded by D.McTiernan. The resolution was adopted by the full membership of the Board at 9:09 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

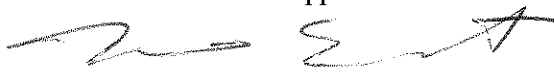


Heather A. Spitzer
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Minutes Prepared: 3/18/14

Minutes remain unofficial until Board of Education approval.

Board of Education Approved:



Maria Grant, President

3-24-14
Date