

**CLINTON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

AGENDA

**Regular Meeting April 28, 2014 at 7:30 PM
Clinton Township Middle School Auditorium**

CALL TO ORDER: _____ called the meeting to order at _____ 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 January 9, 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	_____ Dan McTiernan
_____ Marc Freda	_____ John Patuto
_____ Gina Hand	_____ Kevin Sturges
_____ Kevin Maloy	_____ Megan Verderamo

Present:

District Administrators:

_____ Dr. Drucilla W. Clark, Superintendent of Schools
_____ Mrs. Heather A. Spitzer, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Also Present: _____ Vito Gagliardi, Esq., Board Attorney

**PLEDGE OF
ALLEGIANCE:**

_____ led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS/REPORT

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Action Item 14-SU-013

- **Student Performance – CTMS Jazz Band, under the Direction of Steven Schaffer.**
- **Recognition of Special Education Week**

According to N.J.S.A. 18A:36-5, and recommended by the Superintendent to recognize the week of May 11, 2014 as Special Education Week. The Superintendent, with the Department of Special Services, recognizes the contribution of BOE members, educators, parents and the students themselves and commends them for their dedication to ensuring quality education for the exceptional citizens of this State.

Action 14-SU-013:

Dr. Clark will present the following to the Board of Education:

1. Enrollment Report – 1,549
2. Suspension Report
 - (1) Two day out of school – RVS
 - (1) One day in school – CTMS
 - (3) One day out of school – CTMS
3. HIB Report
 - (1) Investigation at PMG – Determined not to be HIB
 - (7) Investigations at RVS – All determined not to be HIB
 - (2) Investigations at CTMS – (1) Determined to be HIB

***BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education accepts the enrollment, suspension and HIB report of the superintendent as presented.*

(____ Moved; ____ Seconded)

____ M. Freda; ____ G. Hand; ____ K. Maloy; ____ D. McTiernan; ____ J. Patuto;
____ K. Sturges; ____ M. Verderamo, ____ R. McLaughlin, Vice President; ____ M. Grant,
President

2014-15 Budget Public Hearing – Dr. Clark & Mrs. Spitzer

PUBLIC COMMENTS – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

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FIRST RECOGNITION OF THE PUBLIC

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REPORT OF THE SCHOOL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/BOARD SECRETARY

Action Item 14-BA-026 through 14-BA-029

Informational:

- Special Meeting on Monday, May 5, 2014 at 7:30 pm in the Auditorium of Clinton Township Middle School for the purposes of annual appointments.
- The Board of Education's next meeting is scheduled for Monday May 19, 2014 at 7:30 p.m., in the Auditorium of Clinton Township Middle School.

Action 14-BA-026:

***BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education hereby approves the following Board Meeting minutes for:*

Minutes

March 24, 2014

Action 14-BA-027:

***BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education hereby approves the Board Secretary and Treasurer's Reports for the period ending February 28, 2014.*

Action 14-BA-028:

***BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education hereby approves the line item transfers for the period ending February 28, 2014.*

Action 14-BA-029:

***BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board Secretary, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A: 23A-16.10 (c) 3 does hereby certify that as of 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: 23A-16.10 (a);*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Superintendent of Schools recommends that the Clinton Township Board of Education accept the monthly financial reports of the Secretary and Treasurer of School Monies for the month February 2014; and further recommends, in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A: 23A-16.10 (c) 4, that the Board of Education certifies that no major account has been over-expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A: 23A-16.10 (b), and that as of this report sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the year.*

(____ Moved; ____ Seconded)

____ M. Freda; ____ G. Hand; ____ K. Maloy; ____ D. McTiernan; ____ J. Patuto;

____ K. Sturges; ____ M. Verderamo, ____ R. McLaughlin, Vice President; ____ M. Grant, President

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FACILITIES/FINANCE:

Kevin Maloy - Chair; Maria Grant, Dan McTiernan & John Patuto
Action Items 14-FF-163 through 14-FF-177

Action 14-FF-163:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby approves the payment of bills in the amount of \$848,082.45 for the period ending April 30, 2014.

Action 14-FF-164:

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. 6471 "School District Travel." 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, OMB Mileage Reimbursement Rate: \$0.31.

<i>Employee</i>	<i>Program Title/Location</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Cost</i>	<i>Mileage</i>	<i>Lodging/ Meals</i>
<i>Renee Taft</i>	<i>An Exploration of Child Development & Mental Health New Brunswick NJ</i>	<i>5/9/14</i>	<i>\$116.10</i>	<i>OMB</i>	<i>N/A</i>

Action 14-FF-165:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby amends prior motion 14-FF-135 (2/24/14) to reflect a change in travel dates from 3/3/14 to 3/31/14 due to weather related rescheduling for the following staff attending IR&S training:

*Maggie Cassidy
Julie Tepper
Faith Fuhrman*

Action 14-FF-166:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby amends prior motion 14-FF-119 (1/27/14) to reflect a change in travel dates from 2/7/14 to 4/11/14 due to weather related rescheduling for the following staff to attend "Kelly Gallagher - Write like this" workshop:

Kate Zimmerbaum

Action 14-FF-167:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby approves the following resolution to adopt the 2014/15 Budget.

WHEREAS, the 2014/15 budget includes sufficient funds to implement the proposed planning process as described in this district's Annual Report pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A: 7A -11 and to provide curriculum and instruction, mandates by the state and necessary safety and security measures, which will enable all students to achieve the Core Curriculum Content Standards;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Clinton Township Board of Education approves the 2014/15 budget in the amount of \$28,913,604 as follows:

	General Fund	Special Revenues	Debt Service	TOTAL
2014/15 Total				
Expenditures	\$ 26,413,316	\$ 346,920	\$ 2,153,368	\$28,913,604
Less: Anticipated				
Revenues	\$ 3,832,818	\$ 346,920	\$ 40,000	\$ 4,219,738
Taxes to be Raised	\$ 22,580,498	\$ -	\$ 2,113,368	\$24,693,866

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the operating budget tax levy in the amount of \$22,580,498.

Action 14-FF-168:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby approves the municipal tax payment schedule for the 2014/15 school year as follows:

Current Expense		Debt Service	
Due Date	Amount	Due Date	Amount
July 15, 2014	\$2,822,562	July 15, 2014	\$ 624,184
August 15, 2014	\$2,822,562	January 15, 2015	\$1,489,184
September 15, 2014	\$2,116,922	Total Due	\$2,113,368
October 15, 2014	\$2,116,922		
November 15, 2014	\$2,116,922		
December 15, 2014	\$2,116,922		
January 15, 2015	\$2,116,922		
February 15, 2015	\$2,116,922		
March 15, 2015	\$2,116,922		
April 15, 2015	\$2,116,920		
Total Due	\$22,580,498		

Action 14-FF-169:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves Dr. Linda Knust, Psychologist to provide one (1) hour teacher training for SID# 8548340518 during the 2013/2014 school year at the rate of \$200.00 per hour plus \$75.00 for travel time.

Action 14-FF-170:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby approves the 2014/15 receiving tuition annual rates as follows:

Pre-School/Kindergarten	\$12,557
Grades 1-5	\$14,611
Grades 6-8	\$13,765

Action 14-FF-171:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby approves a contract with Mr. Richard Grip for a Demographic Study in the amount of \$7,100.

Action 14-FF-172:

WHEREAS, the Clinton Township Board of Education believes that every child should have equal resources of state aid distributed by the legislature for an education in the State of New Jersey by utilizing a fair school funding mechanism; and

WHEREAS, the current distribution of state aid for education to the schools has not been distributed in a fair and equitable manner to provide property tax relief to all the citizens of the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Article III, Paragraph 1, of the New Jersey State Constitution states, “The powers of government shall be divided among three distinct branches, the legislative, executive and judicial. No person or persons belonging to or constituting one branch shall exercise any of the powers properly belonging to either of the others, except as expressly provided in this Constitution”; and

WHEREAS, Article VII, Section IV, Paragraph 1, of the New Jersey State Constitution states, “the Legislature shall provide for the maintenance and support of a through and efficient system of the free public schools for the instruction of all children in the State between the ages of five and eighteen years”; and

WHEREAS, Article VIII, Section IV, Paragraph 2, of the New Jersey State Constitution states, “the fund for the support of free public schools... shall be annually appropriated to the support of free public schools, and for the equal benefit of all the people of this State”; and

WHEREAS, Article VII, Section 1, Paragraph 7a, of the New Jersey State Constitution states, the income tax is to be “annually appropriated...exclusively for the purpose of reducing or offsetting property taxes”; and

WHEREAS, this body can no longer bear the burden of the continued diversion of its fair share of state school aid for the students between the ages of five and eighteen years of age who reside within this jurisdiction.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Clinton Township Board of Education does hereby call upon the legislature of the State of New Jersey to fulfill its constitutionally assigned duty to distribute the state aid for education to the school districts in this state in a fair manner that is for the equal benefit of all of the state and not by means that are prejudiced by the actions of special interests that may have been presented before the court or other venue.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board Secretary is hereby directed to forward a copy of this resolution to Governor Chris Christie, Senate President Stephen Sweeney, Senate Minority Leader Thomas Kean Jr., Assembly Speaker Vincent Prieto and Assembly Minority Leader Jon Bramnick.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we request our legislative delegation to become co-sponsors of the fair funding legislation formulated by State Senator Michael J. Doherty and Assemblyman John DiMaio.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we direct the Board Secretary to forward this resolution to our district state legislators requesting their support and sponsorship of this legislation.

Action 14-FF-173:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education awards a contract to Simplex Grinnell for the SRS Fire Suppression system in the amount of \$17,193.

Action 14-FF-174:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby approves a tuition contract with Lebanon Borough for SID# 4078810875 to attend Clinton Township's 2014 ESY Program from July 1, 2014 to July 31, 2014 with a tuition rate of \$5,092.

Action 14-FF-175:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby approves a tuition contract with Lebanon Borough for SID# 8255913166 to attend Clinton Township's 2014 ESY Program from July 1, 2014 to July 31, 2014 with a tuition rate of \$5,092.

Action 14-FF-176:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby approves a tuition contract with Lebanon Borough for SID# 2535043973 to attend Clinton Township's 2014 ESY Program from July 1, 2014 to July 31, 2014 with a tuition rate of \$5,035.

Action 14-FF-177:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves mileage reimbursement for athletic advisors for the 2013/14 school year when round trip transportation is not provided for away games, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7 and Board Policy 6471.

(____ Moved; ____ Seconded)
____ M. Freda; ____ G. Hand; ____ K. Maloy; ____ D. McTiernan; ____ J. Patuto;
____ K. Sturges; ____ M. Verderamo, ____ R. McLaughlin, Vice President; ____ M. Grant,
President

PERSONNEL/NEGOTIATIONS:

**Dan McTiernan – Chair; Maria Grant, Gina Hand & Kevin Maloy
Action Items 14-PN-184 through 14-PN-200**

**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 14-PN-184:

***BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education accepts, with regret, the resignation of **Brianna Beattie**, Teaching Assistant and Bus Aide, effective June 30, 2014.*

Action 14-PN-185:

***BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education accepts, with regret, the resignation of **Jessica Rogers**, RVS Teacher, effective June 30, 2014.*

Action 14-PN-186:

***BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education hereby approves the request for Disability/Maternity Leave of Absence for **Jennifer Cwynar**, PMG Teacher – Grade 2, for the period beginning September 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015.*

Action 14-PN-187:

***BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education hereby approves the request for Disability/Maternity Leave of Absence for **Christina Giordano**, RVS Guidance Counselor, for the period beginning September 1, 2014 through October 15, 2014.*

Action 14-PN-188:

***BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education hereby approves the request for Disability/Maternity Leave of Absence for **Mary Postma**, PMG Principal, for the period beginning July 7, 2014 through November 5, 2014.*

Action 14-PN-189:

***BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education hereby approves the request for Disability Leave of Absence for **Lorraine Dul**, SRS Teacher – PreK, for the period beginning June 4, 2014 through June 30, 2014.*

Action 14-PN-190:

***BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education hereby approves the request for Disability Leave of Absence for **Dianne Flanigan**, RVS/PMG Occupational Therapist, from March 19, 2014 through June 19, 2014.*

Action 14-PN-191:

***BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education hereby approves the request for an extension of Child Rearing Leave for **Erin Repsher**, SRS – Music Teacher, to June 30, 2014.*

Action 14-PN-192:

***BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education hereby approves the extension of Disability Leave of Absence for **David Shideler**, CTMS Teaching Assistant, to April 3, 2014.*

Action 14-PN-193:

***BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education hereby approves the Extension of Leave for **Lynn Avery**, SRS Teacher – Grade 1, effective September 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015.*

Action 14-PN-194:

***BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education hereby approves the Extension of Leave for **Kellie Kocot**, RVS – Special Education Teacher Grade 6, effective September 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015.*

Action 14-PN-195:

***BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education hereby approves the Extension of Leave for **Heather Steinhauer**, PMG Teacher – Grade 3, effective September 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015.*

Action 14-PN-196:

***BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education hereby approves the Extension of Leave for **Marianne Zupanc**, SRS Special Education Teacher – Grade K, effective September 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015.*

Action 14-PC-029:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby approves the second reading of the following policies, as presented to the Board:

<u>Policies</u>	
1230	Superintendent's Duties
2132	School District Goals and Objectives
2312	Class Size

Action 14-PC-030:

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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Destination</u>	<u>Grade/Group</u>	<u>Teacher</u>
June 5 & 10, 2014	Echo Hill Lebanon, NJ	PMG/Grade 3	Ms. Shea

(____ Moved; ____ Seconded)
____ M. Freda; ____ G. Hand; ____ K. Maloy; ____ D. McTiernan; ____ J. Patuto;
____ K. Sturges; ____ M. Verderamo, ____ R. McLaughlin, Vice President; ____ M. Grant,
President

KINDERGARTEN AD-HOC:

Rachel McLaughlin – Chair, Kevin Maloy

COMMUNICATIONS:

Megan Verderamo – Chair, Marc Freda, Gina Hand & Rachel McLaughlin

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

SECOND RECOGNITION OF THE PUBLIC

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EXECUTIVE SESSION:

***WHEREAS**, while the Sen. Byron M. Baer Open Public Meetings Act (N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq.) requires all meetings of the Clinton Township Board of Education to be held in public, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b) sets forth nine (9) types of matters that may lawfully be discussed in “Executive Session,” i.e. without the public being permitted to attend, and*

***WHEREAS**, the Clinton Township Board of Education has determined that the following issues are permitted by N.J.S.A. 10: 4-12(b) to be discussed without the public in attendance and shall be discussed during an Executive Session.*

***WHEREAS**, any matter involving the employment, appointment, termination of employment, terms and conditions of employment, evaluation of the performance, promotion or disciplining of any specific prospective public officer or employee or current public officer or employee employed or appointed by the public body, unless all individual employees or appointees whose rights could be adversely affected request in writing that such matter or matters be discussed at a public meeting. Subject to the balancing of the public’s interest and the employee’s privacy rights under South Jersey Publishing Co. v. New Jersey Expressway Authority, 124 NJ 478, the employee(s) and nature of the discussion, described as specifically as possible without undermining the need for confidentiality are non-tenured staff renewal and School Business Administrator contract, and*

***WHEREAS**, any collective bargaining agreement, or the terms and conditions of which are proposed for inclusion in any collective bargaining agreement, including the negotiation of terms and conditions with employees or representatives of employees of the public body. The collective bargaining contracts discussed are between the Clinton Township Board of Education and the Clinton Township Education Association, and the Clinton Township Board of Education and Clinton Township Administrator’s Association, and*

***WHEREAS**, the length of the Executive Session is estimated to be sixty (60) minutes after which the meeting shall reconvene and proceed with business.*

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Clinton Township Board of Education will go into Executive Session for only the above stated reasons;*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board hereby declares that its discussion of the aforementioned subject will be made public at such time as the reason for confidentiality no longer exists.*

Action may be taken upon return.

Time: _____

(_____ Moved; _____ Seconded; _____ Ayes; _____ Nays; _____ Abstain)

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby approves reconvening the regular Board meeting.

Time: _____

(_____ Moved; _____ Seconded; _____ Ayes; _____ Nays; _____ Abstain)

ADJOURNMENT

Action 14-AJ-015:

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

Time: _____

(_____ Moved; _____ Seconded; _____ Ayes; _____ Nays)