

**CLINTON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Regular Meeting – February 12, 2007

TIME AND PLACE

A regular meeting of the Board of Education was held on February 12, 2007, by the Board of Education of the Clinton Township School District, Hunterdon County, in the All Purpose Room of the Patrick McGaheran School School, 63 Allerton Road, Lebanon, New Jersey 08833.

PUBLICATION OF NOTICE

In accordance with the provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, Laws of 1975, the Clinton Township Board of Education has provided adequate notice of the date, time, and location of this meeting. Such notice has been posted in the Clinton Township Board of Education Office and each of the district schools, has been filed with the Clinton Township Clerk, and was faxed to the *Hunterdon County Democrat, Hunterdon Review, Courier News, Star Ledger and Express Times* on Thursday, February 8, 2007.

CALL TO ORDER

President Roger Straight called the meeting to order at 7:25 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present:

Michael Belinski (7:30 p.m.)	Patricia Schwartz
Michelle Cresti	Christopher Yula (7:30 p.m.)
Donna Gregory	Roger Straight
Thomas Marron	
Frank Dincuff	

Absent: Thomas Roskoski

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT

Elizabeth A. Nastus, Chief School Administrator
Daria A. Wasserbach, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

CHIEF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Diane Radwill led the Lottery Drawing for Preschool program.

Dr. Nastus commended the district on an excellent State Report Card.

She also thanked the local police and prosecutor's office for their cooperation and assistance surrounding last week's discovery of a bullet found in the Round Valley Middle School boys' locker room. A special thanks was extended to Officer Hash.

Dr. Nastus commended teachers and participants on the Cabaret at the Round Valley Middle School.

Mrs. Melissa Goad, Principal of Patrick McGaheeran School introduced teachers Aimee Ashley and Heather Shanklin and 4th Graders from Patrick McGaheeran School who presented a program on "Immigration Monologue Project".

PUBLIC COMMENT

Don Sherblom – Inquired as to the status of sub-division and disposal of property on Grayrock Road

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Action 06-469

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the minutes of the regular session held on January 8, 2007.

Motion by Mr. Marron, seconded by Dr. Schwartz. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED.

Action 06-470

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the minutes of the Executive Session held on January 8, 2007.

Motion by Mr. Marron, seconded by Dr. Schwartz. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED.

Action 06-471

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the minutes of the regular session held on January 22, 2007.

Motion by Mr. Straight, seconded by Dr. Schwartz. On a roll call vote with Mr. Yula abstaining, resolution was ADOPTED.

Action 06-472

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the minutes of the Executive Session held on January 22, 2007.

Motion by Mr. Straight, seconded by Dr. Schwartz. On a roll call vote with Mr. Yula abstaining, resolution was ADOPTED.

REPORT OF SECRETARY AND REPORT OF TREASURER

Action 06-473

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the transfers for the period ending December 2006.

Motion by Mr. Marron, seconded by Dr. Schwartz. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED.

Action 06-474

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.12 (d), I certify that as of December 31, 2006 no budgetary line item account has been overexpended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.12 (a)**

Daria A. Wasserbach, Board Secretary

Monday, February 12, 2007

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:20 (e), we certify that as of December 31, 2006 respectively after review of the secretary's monthly financial report (appropriations section) and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials that to the best of our knowledge no major account or fund has been expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.12 (a)* and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.*

Moved by Mr. Marron, seconded by Dr. Schwartz. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED.

SECRETARY'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

With regard to the Application for Extraordinary Aid Mrs. Wasserbach commended the efforts of Patricia MacKenzie, Diane Radwill and Eileen Arnold on the development of this collaborative application. Twenty-four pupils qualified for extraordinary services valued at \$370,000. Award notices will be forthcoming.

Mrs. Wasserbach stated that School Board Seats/Packets are available in the Board office noting five seats are available. The five seats are currently occupied by Thomas Marron, Christopher Yula, Michael Belinski, Thomas Roskoski and Michelle Cresti. There are 3 3-year seats available and 2 unexpired 1 year seats. She noted that packets were distributed to seated members.

OLD BUSINESS

It was noted that the Ethic charges against Mr. Marron were officially dropped.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE/FACILITIES

Thomas Marron, Chairperson; Thomas Roskoski and Jim Dincuff

Mr. Marron commented on the following:

- debris on north side of the construction site
- heating issues at Spruce Runs School
- mothballing of farmhouse
- renovation project status
- January 12th minutes from Grayrock Road
- Round Valley Middle School Wastewater Treatment Plant settlement, reimbursement to district of \$7,000.00
- Johnson farm settlement contest has been submitted to DEP
- Public finance meeting
- Hunterdon County Democrat report on School Report card and Clinton Township School District school efficiency

Dr. Nastus added:

- valve malfunction and water in Spruce Run classrooms

Action 06-475

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves payment of bills for the period ending February 12, 2007 in the amount of \$1,681,360.11.

Motion by Mr. Marron, seconded by Mr. Straight. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED.

Action 06-476

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the following CTMS and School Renovation Capital payments:

<i>Vendor</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Amount</i>
<i>Turner Const. Co.</i>	<i>Applic. #37 – period ending 3/31/07</i>	<i>\$23,000.00</i>
<i>Atlantic Engr. Labs</i>	<i>Inv. 3209 – Asphalt Insp./Mileage</i>	<i>\$461.80</i>
<i>TOTAL</i>		<i>\$23,461.80</i>

Motion by Mr. Marron, seconded by Mr. Straight. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED.

Action 06-477

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves second draft of Clinton Township School District 2007-2008 School Calendar.

TENTATIVE
Clinton Township School District
2007-2008 School Calendar

		<u>Students</u>	<u>Staff</u>
September 4 and September 5, 2007	Staff In-Service Days		
September 6, 2007	First Day for Students/Staff	17	19
October 8, 2007	Staff In-Service Day School Closed	22	23
November 8 and November 9, 2007	N.J.E.A. Convention/Staff In-Service School Closed		
November 21, 2007	Early Dismissal		
November 22 and November 23, 2007	Thanksgiving Recess School Closed	18	20
December 24 -	Winter Recess		
		<u>Students</u>	<u>Staff</u>
January 1, 2008	School Closed	15	15
January 2, 2008	School Reopens		
January 21, 2008	M.L. King, Jr. Day		
School Closed		21	21
February 15 and February 18, 2008	Presidents' Recess School Closed	19	19
March 21, 2008 - March 28, 2008	Spring Recess - School Closed		
March 31, 2008	School Reopens	15	15
April 2008		22	22
May 26, 2008	Memorial Day School Closed	21	21
June 18, 2008	Early Dismissal		
June 19, 2008	Tent. Last Day (Early Dismissal)	<u>14</u>	<u>14</u>
184*	189*		

Early Dismissals for Staff In-Service: October, January, April, May
Early Dismissals: November 21st, June 18th and June 19th

***Includes four snow days. In the event additional days are needed the following days will be used as make-up days in this order:**

*Child Study Team and related services staff members to visit out-of-district placements
Administrator's County and State Association Meetings*

Motion by Mr. Marron, seconded by Mr. Straight. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED.

Action 06-482 RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the 2006/07 Application for Extraordinary Aid and authorize its submission to the NJ Department of Education.

Motion by Mr. Marron, seconded by Mr. Straight. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED.

Action 06-483 RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the 2007/08 student lunch, adult lunch and snack prices in accordance with the attached schedule.

Motion by Mr. Marron, seconded by Mr. Straight. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED.

Action 06-484 RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education accepts the donation of exercise bike and stair stepper to Patrick McGaheeran School at a value of approximately \$200.00.

Motion by Mr. Marron, seconded by Mr. Straight. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED.

PERSONNEL/NEGOTIATIONS

Patricia Schwartz, Chairperson; Michelle Cresti, Jim Dincuff, and Christopher Yula

Action 06-485 RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the following 2006/2007 move along the salary guide effective February 15, 2007, in accordance with the negotiated agreement:

<i>Employee/Position</i>	<i>From</i>	<i>To</i>	<i>Salary</i>
<i>Jean Allen</i>	<i>MA in F, Step 7</i>	<i>MA in F+15, Step 7</i>	<i>\$51,215.00</i>
<i>Tracy Carew</i>	<i>BA+45, Step 10</i>	<i>BA+60, Step 10</i>	<i>\$56,410.00</i>
<i>Roberta Grambor</i>	<i>BA+30, Step 14</i>	<i>MA in F+30, Step 14</i>	<i>\$69,110.00</i>
<i>Lindsay Nahm</i>	<i>MA in F, Step 5</i>	<i>MA in F+30, Step 5</i>	<i>\$49,860.00</i>
<i>Jennifer Paccione</i>	<i>BA+15, Step 7</i>	<i>MA in F, Step 7</i>	<i>\$50,265.00</i>

Motion by Dr. Schwartz, seconded by Mr. Belinski. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED.

Action 06-486

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the following resolution:

*WHEREAS teacher Anne Alley was incorrectly placed on the CTEA salary guide at the time of hire in September, 1997 and
WHEREAS Ms. Alley was placed at a Masters Degree+30 when the correct placement should have been Masters in Field+30
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education revises Ms. Alley's 2006-2007 employment contract to correctly read Step 7, Masters in Field+30, with a revised annual salary of \$52,165.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that retroactive compensation to the time of hire in the amount of \$5,325, which will be paid to Ms. Alley on July 15, 2007.*

Motion by Dr. Schwartz, seconded by Mr. Belinski. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED.

Action 06-487

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the following resolution:

*WHEREAS teacher Jean Baxter was incorrectly placed on the CTEA salary guide at the time of hire in September, 1997 and
WHEREAS Ms. Baxter was placed at a Masters Degree when the correct placement should have been Masters in Field
WHEREAS Ms. Baxter moved across the guide in 2004, again incorrectly from Masters to Masters+15 when the correct placement should have been Masters in Field+15
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education revises Ms. Baxter's 2006-2007 employment contract to correctly read Step 7, Masters in Field+15, with a revised annual salary of \$51,215.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that retroactive compensation to the time of hire in the amount of \$9,350, which will be paid to Ms. Baxter on July 25, 2007.*

Motion by Dr. Schwartz, seconded by Mr. Belinski. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED.

Action 06-488

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the employment of Maggie Cassidy as a Special Education Teacher at Spruce Run School (maternity leave replacement for Michelle Knedler) at a salary of \$43,110 pro-rated (BA, Step 1) effective April 16, 2007.

Motion by Dr. Schwartz, seconded by Mr. Belinski. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED.

Action 06-489

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves Marissa Proske and Jeffrey P. Wyszkowski as substitute teachers for the 2006-2007 school year.

Motion by Dr. Schwartz, seconded by Mr. Belinski. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED.

Action 06-490

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves an unpaid leave of absence for Mary Wasik for the period of February 6, 2007 through March 1, 2007.

Motion by Dr. Schwartz, seconded by Mr. Belinski. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED.

Action 06-491

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education accepts with regret the retirement of Kathy Blackowski, teacher at Spruce Run School, effective July 1, 2007.

Motion by Dr. Schwartz, seconded by Mr. Belinski. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED.

Action 06-492

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education accepts with regret the resignation of Rachel S. Faidley, teacher at Spruce Run School, effective June 30, 2007.

Motion by Dr. Schwartz, seconded by Mr. Belinski. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED.

POLICY/CURRICULUM

Jim Dincuff, Chairperson; Michael Belinski, Roger Straight and Christopher Yula

It was requested that the Board of Education review the policy on Pre-K pupils who are multiples or siblings placed in same class. The current practice is to separate pupils.

Action 06-493

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves Communication Therapies to provide Speech/Language services at Round Valley Middle School effective on or about February 21, 2007 four days per week at a cost of \$350 per day for the remainder of the 2006/07 school year.

Motion by Mr. Dincuff, seconded by Dr. Schwartz. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED.

Action 06-494

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves pupil transportation to Dual Residences within Clinton Township for two students (DN & AN) for the 2006-2007 school year.

Motion by Mr. Dincuff, seconded by Dr. Schwartz. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED.

COMMUNICATIONS/N.J.S.B.A.

Donna Gregory, Chairperson; Michelle Cresti, Thomas Marron and Thomas Roskoski

Mrs. Gregory stated that budget information is continuing to be distributed. She also noted that the Clinton Township Newsletter will go to press tomorrow.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Don Sherblom – Inquired as to the school capacity at Spruce Run and Patrick McGaheran.

Dr. Nastus responded that both buildings are over capacity. This information will be posted on the website.

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, February 12, 2007 to discuss grievance and negotiation matters.*
- 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. Length of meeting thought to be approximately 30 minutes.*

NEW BUSINESS

Nothing to discuss at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

Action 06-495

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education adjourns the regular meeting at 9:35 p.m.

Moved by Mr. Marron, seconded by Mr. Belinski.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Roger Straight
Board President*

*Daria Wasserbach
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary*

