

**CLINTON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Regular Meeting – March 12, 2007

TIME AND PLACE

A regular meeting of the Board of Education was held on March 12, 2007, by the Board of Education of the Clinton Township School District, Hunterdon County, in the All Purpose Room of the Round Valley Middle School School, 128 Cokesbury 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, March 8, 2007.

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Schwartz called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present:

Michael Belinski (8:00 p.m.)	Patricia Schwartz
Michelle Cresti	Christopher Yula
Donna Gregory	Thomas Roskoski
Thomas Marron	
Frank Dincuff	

Absent: Roger Straight

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT

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

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, March 12, 2007 to discuss personnel 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 two hours.*

Motion by Dr. Schwartz, seconded by Mrs. Gregory. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED.

CHIEF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Dr. Nastus submitted a written report to the Board. Dr. Nastus stated that Lindsay Nahm has been recommended as the new Principal at the Spruce Run School.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Fred Feron – Commented on budget questions.

Chad Newsome – Commented on budget.

Bob Zey – Commented on budget, encouraged questions.

Also commented on flooding on property due to grading on new school property.
Would like action/response.

Mr. Marron responded regarding action taken to address concerns and assured that the district is following direction from soil conservation district.

Jenny Plassche – Commented on Budget/tax rate.

Nick Corcodilos – Commented on start-up costs for new school.

Dan McCue – Commented on recurring costs for opening of new school.

Steve Balzano – Commented on tax increases and budget situation.

Jill Grillo – Commented on surplus issues.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Action 06-496

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the minutes of the regular session held on February 12, 2007.

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

Action 06-497

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the minutes of the Executive Session held on February 12, 2007.

Motion by Mr. Belinski, seconded by Mr. Yula. On a roll call vote, with Mr. Roskoski abstaining, resolution was ADOPTED.

REPORT OF SECRETARY AND REPORT OF TREASURER

No reports at this time.

SECRETARY’S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

Mrs. Wasserbach noted that the Public Hearing on the School Budget will be held on March 26, 2007 at the Round Valley Middle School. The start time for the public session will be 8:00 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

Nothing to report at this time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE/FACILITIES

Thomas Marron, Chairperson; Thomas Roskoski and Jim Dincuff

Action 06-498

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves payment of bills for the period ending March 12, 2007 in the amount of \$426,751.46.

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

Action 06-499

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>Seacoast Builders</i>	<i>Applic. #19 – CTMS</i>	<i>\$322,899.22</i>
<i>Turner Const. Co.</i>	<i>Applic. #38 – Period ending 2/28/07</i>	<i>23,000.00</i>
<i>Pact Two, LLC</i>	<i>Applic. #6 –RVMS Wastewater Plant</i>	<i>34,659.84</i>
<i>Hunter Research</i>	<i>Invoice #5 – Historic Recordings</i>	<i>990.00</i>
<i>Spiezle Group, Inc.</i>	<i>Inv. #24 – Spruce Run School Renov.</i>	<i>162.43</i>
<i>TOTAL</i>		<i>\$381,711.49</i>

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

Action 06-500

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves on first reading the following 2007/2008 school calendar:

**TENTATIVE
Clinton Township School District
2007-2008 School Calendar**

	<i>September 4 and September 5, 2007</i>	<i>Staff In-Service Days</i>
SCHOOL OPENS	<i>September 6, 2007 September 11, 2007 September 12, 2007</i>	<i>First Day for Students/Staff Pre-K - Back-to-School Night Kindergarten – Back-to-School Night</i>
	<i>September 17, 2007 September 18, 2007 September 19, 2007 September 20, 2007 September 25, 2007 September 26, 2007 September 27, 2007</i>	<i>Gr. 1 – Back-to-School Night Gr. 2 – Back-to-School Night Gr. 3 – Back-to-School Night Gr. 4 – Back-to-School Night Gr. 5 – Back-to-School Night Gr. 6 – Back-to-School Night Gr. 7 – Back-to-School Night</i>
SCHOOL CLOSED	<i>October 1, 2007 October 8, 2007</i>	<i>Gr. 8 – Back-to-School Night Columbus Day</i>
EARLY DISMISSAL	<i>November 5, 2007</i>	<i>Parent Conferences</i>
SCHOOL CLOSED	November 6, 2007	<i>Parent Conferences/Election Day</i>
EARLY DISMISSAL	<i>November 7, 2007</i>	<i>Parent Conferences</i>
SCHOOL CLOSED	<i>November 8 – 9, 2007</i>	<i>N.J.E.A. Convention/Staff In-Service</i>
EARLY DISMISSAL	<i>November 21, 2007</i>	
SCHOOL CLOSED	<i>November 22 & 23, 2007</i>	<i>Thanksgiving Recess</i>
SCHOOL CLOSED	<i>December 24, 2007 thru January 1, 2008</i>	<i>Winter Recess</i>
SCHOOL REOPENS	<i>January 2, 2008</i>	
SCHOOL CLOSED	<i>January 21, 2008</i>	<i>M.L. King, Jr. Day</i>
SCHOOL CLOSED	<i>February 15 thru February 18, 2008</i>	<i>President’s Days</i>
SCHOOL CLOSED	<i>March 21, 2008 thru March 28, 2008</i>	<i>Spring Recess</i>
SCHOOL REOPENS	<i>March 31, 2008</i>	
SCHOOL CLOSED	<i>May 26, 2008</i>	<i>Memorial Day</i>
EARLY DISMISSAL	<i>June 19, 2008</i>	
EARLY DISMISSAL	<i>June 20, 2008</i>	TENTATIVE LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

Early Dismissals for Staff In-Service: October, January, April, May. Early Dismissals: November 5th, November 7th, November 21st, June 19th & June 20th

	<u>Students</u>	<u>Staff</u>
September	17	19
October	22	22
November	17	20
December	15	15
January	21	21
February	19	19
March	15	15
April	22	22
May	21	21
June	<u>15</u>	<u>15</u>
	184*	189*

**Includes four snow days. In the event additional days are needed the following days will be used as make-up days in this order: January 21, 2008 (if 4 days used before January 4th); February 15, 2008 (if 4-5 days used before February 1st)*
Adopted:

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

Action 06-501 RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves scheduling the Annual Organization Meeting for the Board of Education for Monday, April 23, 2007 at 7:30 PM at the Round Valley Middle School.

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

Action 06-502 RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the 2007/08 tentative school budget as amended and authorizes its submission to the Hunterdon County Department of Education.

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE 2007/2008 PROPOSED BUDGET

WHEREAS, the 2007/2008 tentative 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 which will enable all students to achieve the Core Curriculum Content Standards;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Clinton Township Board of Education approves the tentative 2007/2008 budget in the amount of \$28,548,401 and authorizes its submission to the Hunterdon County Superintendent of Schools for approval as follows:

<i>General Fund.....</i>	<i>\$24,702,620</i>
<i>Special Revenue Fund.....</i>	<i>\$488,214</i>
<i>Debt Service Fund.....</i>	<i>\$3,357,567</i>
<i>Total Base Budget.....</i>	<i>\$28,548,401</i>

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the submission of the tax levy cap as follows:

<i>Prebudget year adjusted tax levy, including weighted increases for enrollment, inflated by 4%</i>	<i>\$18,900,202</i>
<i>Adjustment for reduction in total state formula aid from the prebudget year, issued with state aid notices</i>	<i>\$0</i>
<i>Adjustment for increase in health care costs</i>	<i>\$163,540</i>
<i>Requests to the Commissioner for adjustments to cap:</i>	
<i>Increase in Special Education costs over \$40,000 per pupil</i>	<i>\$155,485</i>
<i>Increase in Tuition</i>	<i>\$0</i>
<i>Increase in Capital Outlay</i>	<i>\$0</i>
<i>New School Costs</i>	<i>\$3,461,254</i>
<i>Total Tax Levy Cap:</i>	<i>\$22,680,481</i>

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED to acknowledge that the 2007/2008 budget as described above results in a general fund tax levy in the amount of \$22,680,481, and a debt service tax levy in the amount of \$2,717,581.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in accordance with Board of Education Policy No. 9250, "Expenses" the maximum travel allowance for the 2007/2008 school year shall be established at \$100,000

Motion by Mr. Marron, seconded by Mr. Yula. On a roll call vote, with Mr. Belinski abstaining, resolution was ADOPTED.

Mr. Roskoski reported on the Friday meeting with the Town Council regarding Grayrock Road issues.

Dr. Nastus reported on the DEP meeting with regards to Vought house fines. She also reported that the mothballing has been completed and that the Vought house is now on the historic register. Dr. Nastus also noted Tentative Certificate of Occupancy requirements.

PERSONNEL/NEGOTIATIONS

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

Action 06-503

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves Patrick Fountain as a substitute teacher for the 2007/08 school year.

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

Action 06-504

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education denies Mary Wasik’s request for an extended unpaid leave of absence.

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

Action 06-505

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education terminates the employment of Mary Wasik effective April 6, 2007.

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

POLICY/CURRICULUM

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

Action 06-506

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves field trip proposal for Patrick McGaheeran 4th grade students to visit the Constitution Center in Philadelphia, PA on April 24, 2007.

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

Action 06-507

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Between Hunterdon County Health Department and Clinton Township School District.

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

Dr. Nastus reported on siblings (triplets) assigned to pre-school.

Action 06-508

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves granting a policy exception for the allowance of multiples in the same preschool session and for multiples greater than twins in the same class, if needed.

Motion by Mr. Dincuff, seconded by Mr. Marron. 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 commented on the Clinton Township budget edition and budget communications.

Mrs. Cresti will fill in as interim chair throughout Mrs. Gregory’s maternity leave.

Dr. Schwartz commended Mrs. Gregory on a job well done.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jeff Graham – Commented on distribution/posting of lawn signs in support of the school budget. He also commented on the Vought house – what will happen to the house?

Jenny Plassche – Commented on parking at the new middle school.

NEW BUSINESS

Nothing to report at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

Action 06-509

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education adjourns the regular meeting at 10:10 p.m.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

*Patricia Schwartz
Board Vice President*

*Daria A. Wasserbach
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary*

