

**CLINTON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Regular Meeting – SEPTEMBER 25, 2006

TIME AND PLACE

A regular meeting of the Board of Education was held on September 25, 2006, by the Board of Education of the Clinton Township School District, Hunterdon County, in the All Purpose Room of the Round Valley Middle 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 Tuesday, September 19, 2006.

CALL TO ORDER

President Roger Straight called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present:

Michael Belinski

Frank Dincuff

Donna Gregory

Thomas Marron (8:00 p.m.)

Robert Sabattis

Patricia Schwartz

Roger Straight

Christopher Yula

Absent:

Mihir Sarwade spoke on her proposed Eagle Scout Project that includes building picnic tables and benches for the Round Valley Middle School.

Jackie Halliday spoke on her proposed Gold Award project that is the Spruce Run Garden.

Action 06-295

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves scouting service projects as presented.

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

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT

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

CHIEF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Dr. Nastus and Mrs. Radwill presented a comprehensive analysis of standardized testing data and comparative results.

Bobbie Felip, Round Valley Middle School Assistant Principal, presented the TESA Program to the Board.

Dr. Nastus gave an update on Mothball Plan. She also mentioned that the Tech Presentation would be delayed until October 2006.

PUBLIC COMMENT

David DeToro – Busing Policy for students whose parents share custody and both parents live in the township. Would like transportation to both residences.

Christina Vandenwoldenburg – Also commented on Busing Policy for students whose parents share custody.

Nick Corcodilos – Science textbooks (lack thereof).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

No minutes to approve at this time.

SECRETARY’S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

Mrs. Wasserbach commented on the following points of information:

- NJ School Boards Association Annual Conference – October 24-27, 2006
- Fiscal Year Ending 6/30/06 Audit completed week of 9/11/06
- Hunterdon County School Boards Association Program, “Legislative Advocacy” 10/5/06. RSVP by 9/28/06

Action 06-296

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education authorizes the Board Secretary to Advertise vacancy in accordance with Bylaws No. 9113.

Motion by Mr. Sabattis, seconded by Mrs. Schwartz. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED.

Action 06-297

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves establishing a 2006/07 ad-hoc budget development committee for the purpose of soliciting community input and recommendations in the area of budget development for the 2007/08 school budget.

Motion by Mr. Sabattis, seconded by Mrs. Schwartz. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED.

REPORT OF SECRETARY AND REPORT OF TREASURER

Action 06-298

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 June 30, 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, September 25, 2006

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:20 (e), we certify that as of June 30, 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 Mr. Straight. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED.

OLD BUSINESS

Nothing to report at this time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS :

FINANCE/FACILITIES

Thomas Marron, Michael Belinski, Margo Connors and Jim Dincuff

Action 06-299

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves payment of bills for the period ending September 11, 2006 in the amount of \$752,096.57 and for the period ending September 25, 2006 in the amount of \$116,304.99

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

Action 06-300

RESOLUTION

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

Vendor	Description	Amount
Turner Construction	CM Services – PE 8/31/06	\$23,000.00
Grafas Painting Contractors	RVM, SRS, PMG Renovations – PE – PE 7/31/06	\$170,796.00
Seacoast Builders	CTMS Construction – PE 8/31/06	\$2,324,552.16
Clinton Township Sewage Authority	Escrow – Engineering Fees for CTMS sewage lines	\$10,000.00
Town of Clinton	Water Review Fees	\$1,454.45
Spiezle Group	Architect Services CTMS PE 8/31/06	\$23,034.81
Spiezle Group	Architect Services SRS PE 8/31/06	\$3,273.58
Spiezle Group	Architect Services RVMS PE 8/31/06	\$3,108.71
Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer	Bond Council – Grant Anticipation Note	\$5,389.14
Total		\$2,564,608.85

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

Action 06-301

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves establishing the following 2006/07 Petty Cash Accounts in the amount of \$250.00 with a maximum reimbursement to any individual on any one occasion of \$50.00:

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

Action 06-305

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves seeking approval from the NJ Department of Education for disposal of land known as the Christoffel Voight Farmhouse

***WHEREAS**, the Clinton Township Board of Education presently owns 25.8 acres located at 34 Grayrock Road, Clinton Township, Hunterdon County, known as Block 60, Lot 56;*

***WHEREAS**, the Board has sought approval from the Township of Clinton to subdivide this property, separating 2.039 acres surrounding the Christoffel Voight Farmhouse;*

***WHEREAS**, this property has been assessed to determine if it is in any way suitable to support either the implementation of the District's Long Range Facility Plan (LRFP) or the educational adequacy of the adjacent facilities;*

***WHEREAS**, the findings of these assessments indicate that the disposal of the property is determined to be consistent with the district's approved LRFP, and will not have a negative impact on the educational adequacy of either the sites or schools adjacent to each site;*

***THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board requests approval from the Hunterdon County Superintendent of Schools for the disposal of this land, including rights or interests, or improvements thereon in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:26-7.2.*

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

Action 06-306

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the following Change Orders for the new Clinton Township Middle School:

Vendor	PCO #	Description	Amount
Seacoast Builders	90	Furnish and install an exterior pre-cast concrete pit and valve for the fire protection system	\$19,070.00
Seacoast Builders	100	Furnish and install underground storm water piping and downspout connections	\$16,942.00

Seacoast Builders	107	150 trench for domestic water line	\$7,659.00
Seacoast Builders	118	Pump and filter well water to fill heating system	\$4,721.00
Seacoast Builders	36R	HVAC revisions	\$14,822.00
Seacoast Builders	38	Misc. building official requirements	\$6,529.00
Seacoast Builders	51	Electrical items	\$61,083.00
Seacoast Builders	54	Steel frame for cast stone	\$8,700.00
Seacoast Builders	69	Ceiling mounted data outlet	\$1,157.00
Seacoast Builders	83R	Fin tub radiation and piping	\$3,951.00
Seacoast Builders	87R	Kitchen HVAC system	\$37,672.00
Seacoast Builders	91	Stone tracking pad	\$1,295.00
Seacoast Builders	105	Fin tube radiation	\$860.00
Total			\$184,461.00

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

Mr. Marron commented on the following: 1) construction re-cap; 2) fire/emergency and Leadership Team response; and 3) Grayrock Road re-alignment.

Mr. Belinski asked about trees as buffers for Belvidere and Hill Hollow Road. Issue lies in the C-1 stream classification and buffer zone.

PERSONNEL/NEGOTIATIONS

Robert Sabattis, Michael Belinski, Jim Dincuff and Christopher Yula

Action 06-307

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the following 2006/2007 moves along the salary guide effective September 1, 2006, in accordance with the negotiated agreement:

Employee/Position	From	To	Salary
Jessica Hunt, Teacher	Step 5, BA+15	Step 5, BA+30	\$47,010
Cynthia Pope, Tech Coach	Step 6, MA in F+30	Step 6, MA in F+45	\$51,920

Jessica Russell, Teacher	Step 4, BA	Step 4, BA+15	\$45,060
Debra Tackney, Teacher	Step 16, MA in F	Step 16, MA in F+15	\$73,235
Mary Postma	Step 6, MA in F+15	Step 6, MA in F+45	\$51,920

Motion by Mr. Sabattis, seconded by Mrs. Schwartz. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED.

Action 06-308

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the following substitute teachers for the 2006/07 school year at a rate of \$90 per day:

Nancy Auld-Morogiello	Kristin Boyer
Christina Buontempo	Denise Burger
Cynthia Caronia	Ina Cimei
Debbie Ennes-Schaible	Carol Fischer (Secretary only \$11/hour)
Annette Fodera	Carolyn Folansbee
Sylvia Fountain	Jennifer Fritz
Faith Furhman	Janice Genetti-Cerullo
Lorrieann Geyer	Denise Gianarkis
Marc Gonzer	Abigail Grider
Laurie Hammond	Toni Hatton
Douglas Higgins	Katherine Horbatt
Joanne Jarvis	Debbie Keleman
Martha Kisielewski	Traci Komoroski
Helen Mattson	Catharine Miller
Susan Morris	Kathryn Murray
John Musumeci	Ann O'Connor
Meredith Pascoe	Lorelie Pizzuti
Alice Roth	Patricia Schaal
Eileen Secora	Mary Shanahan
Anne Marie Sima	Terri Sousa
Susan Straight	Donna Talis
Diane Wanko	Sharon Wood
Bob Zeh	Rosemarie Arnold (nurse)

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

Action 06-309

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education acknowledges the following requests for graduate course approval as approved by the Superintendent of Schools, in accordance

with the negotiated agreement:

Employee	Semester	Course	Credits
Jean Allen	Fall 2006	Characteristics of Diverse Learners	3
Elizabeth Ashe	Fall 2006	Tests and Measurements	3
Aimee Ashley	Fall 2006	Assessment of Reading Issues	3
Chris Cosgrave	Fall 2006	Multicultural Education	3
Chris Cosgrave	Fall 2006	Research Seminar	3
Judith Hammond	Fall 2006	Educational Supervision	3
Deborah James	Fall 2006	Materials and Methods in Special Ed	3
Robin Kiefer	Fall 2006	Concepts of Technology	3
Robin Kiefer	Fall 2006	Organizational Structures	3
Jennifer Paccione	Fall 2006	Instructional Models & Strategies	3
Cynthia Pope	Fall 2006	Human Resources Leadership	3
Cynthia Pope	Fall 2006	Issues in Financing Education	3
Jessica Saide	Fall 2006	SPEC 501	3

Motion by Mr. Sabattis, seconded by Mrs. Schwartz. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED.

Action 06-310

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves correcting 2006/07 initial placement on the salary guide for Rita Russomanno, RVMS Special Education Teacher from Step 1, BA to Step 1, BA+30 at a salary of \$45,010, effective September 1, 2006.

Motion by Mr. Sabattis, seconded by Mrs. Schwartz. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED.

Action 06-311

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves Diana Horvaht as 2006/07 World Language Teacher (new position) at Patrick McGaheeran School at Step 1, BA at a salary of \$43,110 effective September 1, 2006.

Motion by Mr. Sabattis, seconded by Mrs. Schwartz. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED.

Action 06-312

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education amends the 2006/07 employment contract for Jill Murphy at Patrick McGaheran School from Step 1, BA (maternity leave replacement for Jean Anderson) to Step 2, BA+30 (permanent position, replacement for Jennifer Kepniss) at an annual salary of \$45,010.

Motion by Mr. Sabattis, seconded by Mrs. Schwartz. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED.

Action 06-313

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education accepts, with regret, the resignation of James VanArsdale, RVMS Teacher Assistant effective October 15, 2006.

Motion by Mr. Sabattis, seconded by Mrs. Schwartz. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED.

Action 06-314

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education authorizes Ellen Sulpy to attend summer IEP meetings at a rate of \$27 per hour, not to exceed 20 hours.

Motion by Mr. Sabattis, seconded by Mrs. Schwartz. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED.

Action 06-315

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education authorizes Maureen Zappulla to attend summer IEP meetings at a rate of \$27 per hour, not to exceed 15 hours.

Motion by Mr. Sabattis, seconded by Mrs. Schwartz. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED.

Action 06-316

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education authorizes Julie Tepper, Kelli Portland and Marianne Hanna to provide home instruction for student 1-4 at a rate of \$27 per hour, not to exceed 20 hours total.

Motion by Mr. Sabattis, seconded by Mrs. Schwartz. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED.

Action 06-317**RESOLUTION**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves Ruth Stieh as bus aide for the Patrick McGaheran AM and PM routes from September 7 – October 31, 2006 at an hourly rate of \$13.50 (based upon an annual salary of \$18,919).

Motion by Mr. Sabattis, seconded by Mrs. Schwartz. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED.

Action 06-318**RESOLUTION**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the following Round Valley Middle School Co-curricular and Athletic advisors for the 2006/2007 school year. Stipends are in accordance with the negotiated agreement.

Activity	Stipend	Advisor
Art	\$600	Grauerholz, JoEllen
Beautification	\$500	Lucariello, Joanne
Camerata Singers	\$1,125	Tarriff, Richard
Drama (50%)	\$1,700	Selbo, Jill (co-advisor)
Drama (50%)	\$1,700	Tarriff, Richard (co-advisor)
Eagle Band	\$750	Hunt, Patricia
Generation Brass	\$750	Hunt, Patricia
Guitar	\$750	Buschi, Mark
Lab band	\$750	Hunt, Patricia
Life Skills	\$825	Nuechterlein, Janic
String Ensemble	\$750	Hunt, Patricia
School council	\$1,000	Hammond, Judith
Yearbook	\$3,200	Roberto, Charles
Destination Imagination (DI)	\$750	Hammond, Judith
	\$225	
Each additional team (nte)	/team	Hammond, Judith
DI advanced competition (nte)	\$300	Hammond, Judith
Basketball - boys	\$3,500	Cucciniello, Paul (4-6+ yrs)
Basketball - girls	\$2,975	Annan, Scott (2-3 yrs)
Baseball-boys	\$2,000	Helmstetter, Donald (2-3 yrs)
Cross Country	\$2,350	Comly, Tricia (4-6+ yrs)
Soccer - boys	\$2,000	Annan, Scott (2-3 yrs)
Soccer - girls	\$2,350	Cucciniello, Paul (4-6+ yrs)
Softball girls	\$2,350	Solovay, Tara (4-6+ yrs)
Volleyball	\$1,700	Helmstetter, Donald (0-1 yrs)
Athletic Coordinator	\$5,000	Wooley, Ursula

Motion by Mr. Sabattis, seconded by Mrs. Schwartz. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED.

POLICY/CURRICULUM

Patricia Schwartz, Roger Straight and Christopher Yula

Action 06-319

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the Clinton Township School District 2006/2007 School Objectives.

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

Action 06-320

RESOLUTION

BE IIT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the following Education Foundation Grant Awards:

Grant Recipient	School	Title	Amount
Dennis Stinner	PMG	Guided Reading	\$874.40
Judith Hammond	RVMS	Battle of the Books	\$847.50
Thomas Ackerman	SRS	New Teacher Classroom Library	\$250.00
Patrick Ferrante	RVMS	New Teacher Classroom Library	\$250.00
Dean Greco	RVMS	New Teacher Classroom Library	\$250.00
Diana Horvaht	PMG	New Teacher Classroom Library	\$250.00
Timothy Jaw	PMG	New Teacher Classroom Library	\$250.00
Susan Rivers	PMG	New Teacher Classroom Library	\$250.00
Brent Ruge	RVMS	New Teacher Classroom Library	\$250.00
Carol Russoniello	SRS	New Teacher Classroom Library	\$250.00
Stephanie Snyder	SRS	New Teacher Classroom Library	\$250.00
Kate Zimmerman	RVMS	New Teacher Classroom Library	\$250.00
Total Grants			\$4,221.90

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

Action 06-321

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the Clinton Township School District 2006/2007 Emergency Crisis Plan.

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

Action 06-322

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the Language Arts curriculum revision.

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

Action 06-323

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the Clinton Township School District 2006/2007 Substance Abuse Prevention Program.

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

Action 06-324

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the first reading of Policy Series 2000 "Administration" as follows:

<i>Concepts and Roles in Administration</i>	<i>No. 2000</i>
<i>Goals and Objectives</i>	<i>No. 2010</i>
<i>The Leadership Team.....</i>	<i>No. 2120</i>
<i>Line of Responsibility.....</i>	<i>No. 2121</i>
<i>Line of Responsibility - Organizational Chart.....</i>	<i>C2121</i>
<i>Chief School Administrator.....</i>	<i>No. 2131</i>
<i>Administrative Leeway in Absence of Board Policy.....</i>	<i>No. 2210</i>
<i>Nondiscrimination/Affirmative Action</i>	<i>No. 2224</i>
<i>Procedure - Nondiscrimination/Affirmative Action.....</i>	<i>No. P2224</i>
<i>Research Evaluation and Planning</i>	<i>No. 2240</i>
<i>Action Planning for T&E Certification</i>	<i>No. 2255</i>

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

Action 06-325

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the 2006/2007 Private School for the Disabled Tuition Contract with The Midland School, Readington Road, North Branch, Somerset County, NJ for student 8-C in the amount of \$34,704 for 180 days.

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

Action 06-326

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the 2006/2007 Private School for the Disabled Tuition Contract with The Midland School, Readington Road, North Branch, Somerset County, NJ for student 4-A in the amount of \$34,704 for 180 days.

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

Action 06-327

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the 2006/2007 Special Education Tuition Contract with Douglas Developmental Center, New Brunswick, Middlesex County, NJ for student 2-A in the amount of \$82,680 for 180 days.

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

Action 06-328

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the 2006/2007 Itinerant Teacher Services Contract with Mountain Lakes Board of Education, Mountain Lakes, Morris County, NJ for student 5-A in the amount of \$23,976 for 216 instructional hours of service.

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

Action 06-329

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves Occupational Therapy Services Contract with O.T. Inc., 2180 Western Meadows, Flushing, MI at the Stepping Stone School for Clinton Township student 7-C at a rate of \$68 per hour not to exceed one (1) hour per week.

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

Mrs. Schwartz spoke on school configuration from Policy/Curriculum perspective. Noting both configurations are equivalent from Policy/Curriculum the issue will now go to Personnel.

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

Donna Gregory, Margo Connors and Thomas Marron

Mrs. Gregory commented on

- Clinton Township Newsletter
- BOE brochure “Role of the Board”
- Budget update flyer
- Budget CAC (Citizens Advisory Committee)
- Brick campaign – Elaine Mayat

RECOGNITION OF THE PUBLIC

No one wished to speak at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Nothing to report at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education moves to 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 SEPTEMBER 25, 2006 to discuss Superintendent’s salary for 2006-2007 school year.*
- 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.*

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

ADJOURNMENT

Action 06-330

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education adjourns the regular meeting at 10:15 p.m.

Moved by Mrs. Schwartz, seconded by Mr. Sabattis.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Roger Straight
Board President*

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