

**CLINTON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

MINUTES

Regular Meeting – November 26, 2007

TIME AND PLACE: The regular meeting was held on November 26, 2007, by the Board of Education of the Clinton Township School District, Hunterdon County, in the All-Purpose Room of the Round Valley 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 on the district website, 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 June 11, 2007.

CALL TO ORDER: Board President Roger Straight called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

ROLL CALL

Present:	Roger Straight, President (left 10:00 PM)	Janette LaVigne
	Jim Dincuff, Vice President	Charles Many
	Donna Gregory	Thomas Roskoski
	Mark Kaplan	Debra Weiss

Absent: Michelle Cresti

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATORS

PRESENT: Elizabeth A. Nastus, Superintendent of Schools
Daria A. Wasserbach, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

In addition to the monthly report on pupil enrollment and suspension, Dr. Nastus, along with Bobbie Felip, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, presented the district testing report on NJASK 4 and GEPA.

Dr. Nastus reported that Grayrock Road was opened on November 26 and effective November 27 Spruce Run School will be accessed via the CTMS access road. Spruce Run parents were notified of the change via the Alert System. In addition, all CTSD families received an email alerting them to the change in traffic patterns. Special thanks were extended to Transportation Liaison Debbie Krupp for hand-delivering notices to Belvidere Avenue Parents.

<i>Grant Recipient</i>	<i>School</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Amount</i>
<i>Roberta Grambor</i>	<i>PMG</i>	<i>3rd Grade Rigby Book Room</i>	<i>\$7,000</i>
<i>TOTAL</i>			<i>\$7,000</i>

Motion by C. Many, seconded by T. Roskoski. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 8; nays, 0.

Special thanks were extended to the Foundation for their continued support.

Action 08-204: RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education accepts the donation from the Courtside Racquet Club, Lebanon NJ of 12 tennis racquets valued at \$1,200 for the Round Valley School. Motion by C. Many, seconded by T. Roskoski. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 8; nays, 0.

Action 08-205: RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education accepts the donation of \$500 from the Exxon Mobil Corporation for Science Supplies for the Round Valley School. Motion by C. Many, seconded by T. Roskoski. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 8; nays, 0.

Action 08-206: RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education accepts the November 16, 2007 contract amendment from Applied Water Management Company for Engineering Services to determine a correlation between the water seepage in the yard of the Dolan property on Charlotte Drive and the school's outfall pipe at a cost not to exceed \$6,700. Motion by C. Many, seconded by T. Roskoski. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 8; nays, 0.

Action 08-207: RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the request for proposals for a pick-up truck with plow yielded the following results:

1. *Princeton Nassau/Conover Ford*
902 Route 206
Princeton, NJ 08540

2008 Ford F250\$26,924
2. *Warnock Automotive*
175 Route 10
East Hanover, NJ 07936

2008 Dodge Ram 4x4.....\$27,271

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education awards the purchase of a pick-up truck with plow to Princeton Nassau/Conover Ford.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby enters into a 5-year lease-purchase agreement with Ford Motor Credit Company for the purchase of the 2008 Ford F250 with annual payments in the amount of \$6,167.93.

Motion by C. Many, seconded by T. Roskoski. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 8; nays, 0.

Action 08-208: RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education authorize the purchase of playground equipment for the Round Valley School in the amount of \$11,603.00 from Mid Atlantic Park and Playground Concepts, Tunkhannock, PA, State Contract No A59050. (Note Board of Education contribution is \$6,000, PTA will finance the balance.) Motion by C. Many, seconded by T. Roskoski. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 8; nays, 0.

Action 08-209: RESOLUTION

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. 9250 "Expenses and Reimbursements". Only overnight stays are eligible for meal reimbursement. Mileage, meals, and lodging reimbursements shall be in accordance with IRS rates and regulations.

<i>Employee/BOE Member</i>	<i>Program Title/Location</i>	<i>Date(s)</i>	<i>Cost</i>	<i>Mileage</i>	<i>Lodging (per diem)</i>	<i>Meals (per diem)</i>
<i>Employees</i>						
<i>Gerard Dalton</i>	<i>"The Leadership Institute for Future Superintendents", Seton Hall or Monroe Twsp</i>	<i>12/8/07, 3/6/08, 4/5/08, 5/15/08, 6/7/08</i>	<i>\$1,500</i>	<i>Y</i>	<i>NA</i>	<i>NA</i>
<i>Ellen Jacobsen</i>	<i>NJAHPERD Hands on Health Conference, Jamesburg</i>	<i>12/3/07</i>	<i>\$60</i>	<i>Y</i>	<i>NA</i>	<i>NA</i>
<i>Tracy Carew</i>	<i>LRC Central Workshop on Literacy, Dayton</i>	<i>2/7/08</i>	<i>\$10</i>	<i>Y</i>	<i>NA</i>	<i>NA</i>
<i>Chari Griggs</i>	<i>NJ Assoc of School Psychologists Winter Conference,</i>	<i>12/14/07</i>	<i>\$155</i>	<i>Y</i>	<i>NA</i>	<i>NA</i>

	<i>Jamesburg</i>					
Tracy Menzie	<i>NJ Assoc of School Psychologists Winter Conference, Jamesburg</i>	<i>12/14/07</i>	<i>\$155</i>	<i>Y</i>	<i>NA</i>	<i>NA</i>
Joan Slagus	<i>Reading and Literacy: Multi-Sensory Strategies & Interventions, Princeton</i>	<i>12/12/07</i>	<i>\$187</i>	<i>Y</i>	<i>NA</i>	<i>NA</i>
Ellen Sulpy	<i>Bipolar Disorder, New Providence</i>	<i>1/31/08</i>	<i>\$100</i>	<i>Y</i>	<i>NA</i>	<i>NA</i>
Susan Rivers	<i>Bipolar Disorder, New Providence</i>	<i>1/31/08</i>	<i>\$100</i>	<i>Y</i>	<i>NA</i>	<i>NA</i>
Danielle Nugent	<i>Developing and Effective ABA Classroom</i>	<i>11/29 & 11/30/07</i>	<i>\$0</i>	<i>Y</i>	<i>NA</i>	<i>NA</i>
Danielle Nugent	<i>Advanced ABA Training for Students with Autism</i>	<i>1/30 & 1/31/08</i>	<i>\$0</i>	<i>Y</i>	<i>NA</i>	<i>NA</i>
Donna Wright-Bauer	<i>Using the ABLLS ad Verbal Behavior, Clifton</i>	<i>1/21/08</i>	<i>\$0</i>	<i>Y</i>	<i>NA</i>	<i>NA</i>
Kathleen Collins	<i>Using the ABLLS ad Verbal Behavior, Clifton</i>	<i>1/21/08</i>	<i>\$0</i>	<i>Y</i>	<i>NA</i>	<i>NA</i>
Donna Wright-Bauer	<i>Developing and Effective ABA Classroom, Paramus</i>	<i>1/29 & 1/30/08</i>	<i>\$0</i>	<i>Y</i>	<i>NA</i>	<i>NA</i>
Susan Farnham	<i>Reading Recovery, Bridgewater-Raritan</i>	<i>7 sessions</i>	<i>\$700</i>	<i>Y</i>	<i>NA</i>	<i>NA</i>
Catherine Fasano	<i>Reading Recovery, Bridgewater-Raritan</i>	<i>7 sessions</i>	<i>\$700</i>	<i>Y</i>	<i>NA</i>	<i>NA</i>
Kathleen Merrigan	<i>Reading Recovery, Bridgewater-Raritan</i>	<i>7 sessions</i>	<i>\$700</i>	<i>Y</i>	<i>NA</i>	<i>NA</i>
Julie Snee	<i>Reading Recovery, Bridgewater-Raritan</i>	<i>7 sessions</i>	<i>\$700</i>	<i>Y</i>	<i>NA</i>	<i>NA</i>
Roberta Grambor	<i>Reading Recovery, Bridgewater-Raritan</i>	<i>7 sessions</i>	<i>\$700</i>	<i>Y</i>	<i>NA</i>	<i>NA</i>
Daria Wasserbach	<i>Budget 08/09 – NJDOE</i>	<i>12/6/07</i>	<i>\$100</i>	<i>Y</i>	<i>NA</i>	<i>NA</i>
Bobbie Felip	<i>NCLB Workshop, East Rutherford</i>	<i>12/12/07</i>	<i>\$125</i>	<i>Y</i>	<i>NA</i>	<i>NA</i>

Motion by C. Many, seconded by T. Roskoski. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 8; nays, 0.

Action 08-210: RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the 2007/2008 Facility Use/Field Maintenance Agreement with the Township of Clinton. Motion by C. Many, seconded by T. Roskoski. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 8; nays, 0.

President Straight excused himself from the meeting.

PERSONNEL/NEGOTIATIONS:

Michelle Cresti – Chair, Donna Gregory, Jim Dincuff, Janette LaVigne

Ms. Cresti reported that CTEA contract draft is under review.

Action 08-211: RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the following requests for graduate course approval as approved by the Superintendent of Schools:

<i>Employee</i>	<i>Semester</i>	<i>Course</i>	<i>Credits</i>
<i>Marianne Hanna</i>	<i>Spring 2008</i>	<i>Finance</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>Marianne Hanna</i>	<i>Spring 2008</i>	<i>School Law</i>	<i>3</i>

Motion by J. Dincuff, seconded by M. Kaplan. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 7; nays, 0.

Action 08-212: RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the following 2007/08 1:1 and 1:2 Teacher Assistants for the \$100 annual stipend as per the negotiated agreement:

<i>Employee</i>	<i>School</i>	<i>1:1 or 1:2</i>
<i>Dawn Hauck</i>	<i>CTMS</i>	<i>1:1</i>
<i>Rose Mastroianni</i>	<i>CTMS</i>	<i>1:1</i>
<i>Pat Davis</i>	<i>CTMS</i>	<i>1:2</i>
<i>Paul Cucciniello</i>	<i>CTMS</i>	<i>1:1</i>
<i>Meredith Pascoe</i>	<i>CTMS</i>	<i>1:2</i>
<i>Erik Appfel (Deborah James)</i>	<i>CTMS</i>	<i>1:1</i>
<i>Marsha Shappell</i>	<i>CTMS</i>	<i>1:1</i>
<i>Liz Atwood</i>	<i>RVS</i>	<i>1:2</i>
<i>Ruth Stieh</i>	<i>RVS</i>	<i>1:1</i>
<i>Fern Dille</i>	<i>RVS</i>	<i>1:1</i>
<i>Nadine Twaddell</i>	<i>RVS</i>	<i>1:1</i>
<i>Suzy Molyneaux</i>	<i>RVS</i>	<i>1:1</i>

<i>Liz Tracy</i>	<i>RVS</i>	<i>1:1</i>
<i>Katie Moore</i>	<i>RVS</i>	<i>1:1</i>
<i>Penny Riley</i>	<i>PMG</i>	<i>1:1</i>
<i>Linda Shuey</i>	<i>PMG</i>	<i>1:1</i>
<i>Gail Walters</i>	<i>PMG</i>	<i>1:1</i>
<i>Melinda Jerolimic</i>	<i>SRS</i>	<i>1:1</i>
<i>Mary Junge</i>	<i>SRS</i>	<i>1:1</i>
<i>Sarah Knight</i>	<i>SRS</i>	<i>1:1</i>
<i>Pam Nicolai</i>	<i>SRS</i>	<i>1:1</i>

Motion by J. Dincuff, seconded by M. Kaplan. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 7; nays, 0.

Action 08-213: RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the request for a Maternity Leave of Absence for Diane Horvaht beginning 3/31/08 and ending 4/28/08. Motion by J. Dincuff, seconded by M. Kaplan. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 7; nays, 0.

Action 08-214: RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the request for a Maternity Leave of Absence for Jennifer Tarnoski beginning 2/29/08 and ending 4/25/08 followed by a Child Rearing Leave of Absence beginning 4/26/08 and ending 6/30/08. Motion by J. Dincuff, seconded by M. Kaplan. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 7; nays, 0.

IT IS NOTED THAT ALL STAFF APPOINTMENTS ARE AT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS. ALL SALARIES ARE PRO-RATED TO THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF EMPLOYMENT.

Action 08-215: RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the 2007/08 appointment of and employment contract for Danielle Nugent as Special Education Teacher at the Spruce Run School (new position), effective December 1, 2007 at Step 1, BA, \$44,485. Motion by J. Dincuff, seconded by M. Kaplan. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 7; nays, 0.

Action 08-216: RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the 2007/08 appointment of and employment contract for James Dicheck as HVAC Maintenance for the Clinton Township School District (new position), effective November 27, 2007 at Step 5, \$39,675. Motion by J. Dincuff, seconded by M. Kaplan. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 7; nays, 0.

rate of \$45 per hour, beginning 11/15/07 and concluding 3/1/08. Motion by J. Dincuff, seconded by M. Kaplan. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 7; nays, 0.

Action 08-227: RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the 2007/08 special education tuition contract with Hunterdon Learning Center, Califon NJ for student 1-D in the amount of \$35,883, effective November 14, 2007. Motion by J. Dincuff, seconded by M. Kaplan. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 7; nays, 0.

Action 08-228: RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the 2007/08 special education tuition and teacher assistant contract with the Town of Clinton Board of Education in the amount of \$22,500, effective October 15, 2007. Motion by J. Dincuff, seconded by M. Kaplan. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 7; nays, 0.

Action 08-229: RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the 2007/08 special education teacher assistant receiving contract with the Lebanon Borough Board of Education in the amount of \$38,185, effective September 1, 2007. Motion by J. Dincuff, seconded by M. Kaplan. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 7; nays, 0.

Action 08-230: RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education the 2007/2008 Reading Recovery® Continuing Contact Contract with the Bridgewater-Raritan Regional Board of Education at a rate of \$3,500.00. Motion by J. Dincuff, seconded by M. Kaplan. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 7; nays, 0.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Donna Gregory – Chair, Michelle Cresti, Mark Kaplan, Janette LaVigne

Ms. Gregory reported that the December issue of the Clinton Township Newsletter has been completed. The Board will sponsor and host a staff breakfast on December 20. The January Newsletter is currently in development.

The Communications Committee will work closely with the Finance Committee for the purpose of developing budget presentations and communications.

**RECOGNITION
OF THE PUBLIC:**

There were no public comments.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

