

**CLINTON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

MINUTES

**Public Hearing on the 2008/2009 School Budget and
Regular Meeting– March 19, 2008**

TIME AND PLACE: The regular meeting and public hearing on the 2008/2009 proposed school budget was held on March 19, 2008, by the Board of Education of the Clinton Township School District, Hunterdon County, in the Library 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 March 11, 2008.

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

ROLL CALL

Present:

Roger Straight, President
Jim Dincuff, Vice President
Michelle Cresti
Donna Gregory

Mark Kaplan
Janette LaVigne
Debra Weiss

Absent:

Charles Many
Thomas Roskoski

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATORS

PRESENT:

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

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2008/2009 PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET

Dr. Nastus and Mrs. Wasserbach presented the Public Hearing on the 2008/2009 Proposed School Budget.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE
2008/09 PROPOSED BUDGET:**

<i>Other Waiver requests</i>	\$0
<i>Total Tax Levy Cap:</i>	\$21,850,995

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED to acknowledge that the 2008/2009 budget as described above results in a general fund tax levy in the amount of \$21,733,628, and a debt service tax levy in the amount of \$2,987,434.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in accordance with Board of Education Policy No. 9250, "Expenses" the maximum travel allowance for the 2008/2009 school year shall be established at \$100,000.

Motion by R. Straight, seconded by D. Weiss. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 6; nays, 1 (Kaplan).

Mr. Dincuff thanked Tom Roskoski, Chuck Many, and Debbie Weiss for all of their work on this year's school budget.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Donna Talis presented a thank you card to the Board from the CTMS Boys' and Girls' Lacrosse Teams.

In addition to the monthly report on pupil enrollment and suspension, Dr. Nastus reported on the success of the first CTMS play, The Pirates of Penzance, Jr. and the need to revise the District's Mission Statement to include new language required under NJ QSAC.

Action 08-346: RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the revised District Mission Statement as follows:

The Clinton Township School District will ensure, for each child, meaningful and challenging educational experiences in a supportive caring environment.

The Clinton Township School District emphasizes the enhancement of student learning with the delivery of instruction through curriculum and programs that align with the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards and reflect the ten New Jersey Professional Standards for Teachers.

Motion by R. Straight, seconded by M. Cresti. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 7; nays, 0.

RECOGNITION OF THE PUBLIC:

- Franklyn Isaacson – Commented that pay to play is challenging in the first year, but is accepted in subsequent years.

Action 08-355: RESOLUTION

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

<u>Ch #</u>	<u>Vendor (Payee)</u>	<u>Check Line Comments</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1370	The Spiezle Group	Architect Fees	\$13,950.70
	TOTAL		\$13,950.70

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

Action 08-356: RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education accepts a \$200 donation from Melinda Wilp for RVS Teacher Mrs. Sielaff's classroom. Motion by R. Straight, seconded by J. Dincuff. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 7; nays, 0.

Action 08-357: RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education establishes the 2007/2008 Lacrosse student activity fee in the amount of \$110. Motion by R. Straight, seconded by J. Dincuff. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 7; nays, 0.

Action 08-358: RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the 2008/2009 Interlocal Services Agreement with the Township of Clinton for the Use of Facilities and Shared Services. Motion by R. Straight, seconded by J. Dincuff. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 7; nays, 0.

Action 08-359: RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the 2008/2009 and Occupancy Agreement, including Kindergarten Wraparound, with the Work Family Connection, Oldwick, NJ. Motion by R. Straight, seconded by J. Dincuff. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 7; nays, 0.

PERSONNEL/NEGOTIATIONS:

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

Action 08-360: RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the following requests for graduate course approval:

<i>Employee</i>	<i>Semester</i>	<i>Course</i>	<i>Credits</i>
Tricia Comly	Summer 2008	World of Mathematics	3
Heather Shanklin	Summer 2008	Decision Analysis	3
Julie Snee	Summer 2008	Children's Literature in Elementary School	3

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

Action 08-361: RESOLUTION

*BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education accepts, with regret, the Notice of Resignation from **Christine Bobal**, RVS Lunch Aide, effective March 7, 2008. Motion by M. Cresti, seconded by J. Dincuff. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 7; nays, 0.*

Action 08-362: RESOLUTION

*BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education accepts, with regret, the Notice of Resignation from **Gail Walters**, PMG TA, effective April 1, 2008. Motion by M. Cresti, seconded by J. Dincuff. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 7; nays, 0.*

Action 08-363: RESOLUTION

*BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education accepts the Notice of Resignation from **Frank Primiani**, Maintenance Worker, effective April 1, 2008. Motion by M. Cresti, seconded by J. Dincuff. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 7; nays, 0.*

IT WAS NOTED 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.

Action 08-364: RESOLUTION

*BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the 2007/08 appointment of and employment contract for **Kevin Roy** as Round Valley School Special Education Teacher (replacement for Kristin McRae) effective April 1, 2008 at Step 1 MA in F, \$47,485. Motion by M. Cresti, seconded by J. Dincuff. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 7; nays, 0.*

Action 08-365: RESOLUTION

*BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the 2007/08 appointment of and employment contract for **Melissa Manks** as Patrick McGaheran School Special Education Teacher Assistant (replacement for Gail Walters) effective March 31, 2008 at Step 1 BA, \$19,365. Motion by M. Cresti, seconded by J. Dincuff. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 7; nays, 0.*

Action 08-366: RESOLUTION

*BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the 2007/08 appointment of **Susan Brown** as Round Valley School Maternity Leave Replacement Teacher (MLOA Replacement for Diana Horvaht) effective March 18, 2008 at BA Step 1, \$44,485. Motion by M. Cresti, seconded by J. Dincuff. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 7; nays, 0.*

Action 08-367: RESOLUTION

*BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the 2007/08 appointment of **Jennifer Bogart** as Spruce Run School Maternity Leave Replacement Teacher Assistant (MLOA Replacement for Nadine Twadell) effective March 31, 2008 at BA Step 1, \$19,365. Motion by M. Cresti, seconded by J. Dincuff. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 7; nays, 0.*

Action 08-368: RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the following 2007/2008 co-curricular appointments:

***Paul Cucciniello, Girls Lacrosse Coach, \$1,802**
Joseph Andersen, Boys Lacrosse Coach, \$1,802*

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

Action 08-369: RESOLUTION

*BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves 2007/2008 appointment of **Rose Mastrianni** as after-hours Teacher Assistant for extra curricular activity through the end of May for up to two (2) hours per day at a rate of \$21.20 per hour in accordance with the Negotiated Agreement. Motion by M. Cresti, seconded by J. Dincuff. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 7; nays, 0.*

Action 08-370: RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the following 2007/2008 substitute teachers at a rate of \$90 per day:

***Jennifer Bogart**
Dana DeRites
Daniel Featherman
Frederick Hagios
Carol Klein
Erika Kliszus
Marissa Prosky*

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

POLICY/CURRICULUM:

Jim Dincuff – Chair, Mark Kaplan, Chuck Many, Debbie Weiss

Action 08-371: RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the second reading and adoption of revised Policy No. 5111 “Admission”. Motion by J. Dincuff, seconded by D. Weiss. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 7; nays, 0.

Action 08-372: RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the first reading of revised Regulation No. R5111 “Admission”. Motion by J. Dincuff, seconded by D. Weiss. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 7; nays, 0.

Action 08-373: RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the second reading and adoption of the following regulations and procedures:

*Regulation R1312..... Community Complaints and Inquiries
Regulation R2120.....The Leadership Team
Regulation R2131..... Chief School Administrator*

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

Action 08-374: RESOLUTION

*BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves home instruction for student (2-4) for five hours per week effective February 26, 2008 through March 31, 2008 to be shared by **Jennifer Cwynar, Katie Johnson, and Laura Jacobson** at a rate of \$28.62 per hour in accordance with the Negotiated Agreement. Motion by J. Dincuff, seconded by D. Weiss. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 7; nays, 0.*

Action 08-375: RESOLUTION

*BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves home instruction for student (1-5) for 2 hours effective March 5, 2008 through April 30, 2008 to be provided by **Kelli Portland** at a rate of \$28.62 per hour in accordance with the Negotiated Agreement. Motion by J. Dincuff, seconded by D. Weiss. 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 communication committee is working on promoting the 2008 school election and budget.

**RECOGNITION
OF THE PUBLIC:**

There were no public comments.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

ADJOURNMENT

Action 08-376:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education adjourns the meeting at 9:45 PM. Motion by R. Straight, seconded by M. Kaplan. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 7; nays, 0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Daria A. Wasserbach
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Minutes Prepared: 4/2/08
Minutes remain unofficial until Board of Education approval.

Board of Education Approved:

Roger Straight
Board President

April 28, 2008
Date