

**CLINTON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

MINUTES

Regular Meeting – February 23, 2009

TIME AND PLACE: The regular meeting was held on February 23, 2009, by the Board of Education of the Clinton Township School District, Hunterdon County, in the All Purpose Room of the Patrick McGaheran School on 63 Allerton Road, Lebanon, NJ.

**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 August 25, 2008.

CALL TO ORDER: President Jim Dincuff called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

ROLL CALL

Present:

Jim Dincuff, President	Mark Kaplan
Donna Gregory, Vice President	Roger Straight
Michelle Cresti	Debra Weiss
Grace Hoefig	Jody Lebbling 7:37 pm
Gene Schaedel	

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATORS

PRESENT: Dennis Fyffe, Interim Superintendent of Schools
James H. Strimple, Jr., Interim School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

President Dincuff led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Presentation by Mary McLoughlin, Director of Student Services

Ms. McLoughlin gave a power point presentation on the referral process for classified students. She spoke about the legal requirements with which the district must comply and the composition of the child study team. She then described the district's inclusion program and provided data regarding the number of students in the Clinton School District that are classified.

Presentation – Work Family Connection

Representatives of the Work Family Connection gave a presentation regarding their program which is offered to district students. The speakers indicated that it is the philosophy of the organization to provide a structured yet relaxed atmosphere promoting and teaching essential life skills such as decision making, conflict resolution, negotiation, problem solving and good self-esteem.

Mr. Fyffe concluded his report with the Superintendent's monthly update on enrollment and suspension.

The Board then engaged in a lengthy discussion on the 2009 – 2010 School Calendar.

Action 09-364: RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the 2009-2010 School Calendar with a starting date for students of September 3, 2009 and a tentative last day of school of June 17, 2010. Motion by R. Straight, seconded by M. Kaplan. On a roll call vote the resolution was DEFEATED as follows: ayes 3, G. Hoefig, R. Straight, J. Dincuff; naves 6, M. Cresti, D. Gregory, M. Kaplan, J. Lebbing, G. Schaedel, D. Weiss.

Action 09-365: RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the 2009-2010 School Calendar with a starting date for students of September 8, 2009 and a tentative last day of school of June 21, 2010. Motion by M. Kaplan, seconded by D. Weiss. On a roll call vote the resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes 8, M. Kaplan, M. Cresti, D. Gregory, G. Hoefig, J. Lebbing, G. Schaedel, D. Weiss and J. Dincuff; naves 1, R. Straight.

After approval of the calendar the Board asked the administration to examine the number of half days to see if some them could be eliminated.

RECOGNITION OF THE PUBLIC:

- Franklyn Isaacson predicted that there will be 1,738 students with the start of school in the fall of 2009. He also inquired about a listing of staff members and where he could get a copy of the bill list for February.

Mr. Dincuff indicated that there is a copy of the Bill List in the Public Agenda Binder.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES**Action 09-366:****RESOLUTION**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the Regular Meeting Minutes of January 19, 2009. Motion by R. Straight, seconded by J. Lebbing. On a roll call vote resolution the was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 9; nays, 0.

Action 09-367:**RESOLUTION**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the Executive Session Minutes of November 20, 2008. Motion by R. Straight seconded by J. Lebbing. On a roll call vote the resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes,9; nays, 0.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Strimple reviewed the following items with the Board of Education:

Correspondence:

- Thank you note from JoAnn Gitto for the New Teacher Grant

Points of Information:

Important Budget Dates

February 23, 2009	February Business Meeting
March 9, 2009	March Committee Meetings
March 10, 2009	Governor's Budget Address
March 10 – 12, 2009	Release of State Aid Figures to School Districts
March 16, 2009	Board Meeting to adopt 2009-2010 Tentative Proposed Budget
March 18, 2009	Submission of Tentative Proposed Budget to County Office for review
March 23, 2009	March Business Meeting
March 30, 2009	Public Hearing and Adoption of 2009-2010 Proposed Budget
April 13, 2009	April Committee Meetings
April 21, 2009	Board Election
April 27, 2009	Organization Meeting

Action 09-368:**RESOLUTION**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the line item transfers for the periods ending December 31, 2008 and January 31, 2009. Motion by M. Kaplan, seconded by D. Weiss. On a roll call vote the resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 9; nays, 0.

Action 09-369:**RESOLUTION**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board Secretary, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11 (c) 3 does hereby certify that as the date of these reports, no line item account has encumbrances and expenditures which in total exceed the line item appropriation in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11 (a);

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Superintendent of Schools recommends that the Clinton Township Board of Education accept the monthly financial reports of the Secretary and Treasurer of School Monies for the month(s) of December 2008 and January 2009; and further recommends, in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11 (c) 4, that the Board of Education certifies that no major account has been overexpended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11 (b), and that as of this report sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the year.

Motion by M. Kaplan, seconded by D. Weiss. On a roll call vote the resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 9; nays, 0.

Action 09-370:**RESOLUTION**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the request from The Work-Family Connection for a waiver of facilities use fees for its summer program. Motion by M. Kaplan, seconded by D. Weiss. On a roll call vote the resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 7; nay, 1 (Schaedel): abstention, (Cresti).

Action 09-371:**RESOLUTION**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the following election procedures for 2009.

1. Nominating Petitions to be filed by 4:00 p.m. on Monday, March 2, 2009 in the Board Secretary's Office.
2. Drawing of names for ballot positions will be at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 11, 2009 in the Clinton Township Board Office.
4. Designate the North Hunterdon High School - Districts 2, 8 and 12; Clinton Township Middle School – Districts 3 and 9; Patrick McGaheran Elementary School – Districts 1, 7 and 11; Round Valley Elementary School - Districts 5 and 6; and Spruce Run Elementary School – Districts 4 and 10. Voting hours will be from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 21st unless changed by the County Board of Election.
5. Move to set the date of Monday, April 27, 2009 for the Organization Meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the All Purpose Room of Round Valley Elementary School.

6. Move to appoint Patricia MacKenzie as the witness for the drawing of names for ballot positions.

Motion by M. Kaplan, seconded by D. Weiss. On a roll call vote the resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 9; nays, 0.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FACILITIES/FINANCE:

Mark Kaplan – Chair, Grace Hoefig, Jody Lebbing, Debbie Weiss

Mr. Kaplan reported that the Finance Committee has met twice reviewing the tentative proposed budget for 2009 – 2010 and that there would be greater discussion on the budget later in the evening. He also reported that the YMCA has contacted the district regarding the availability of land that the Board owns so that they might purchase it and use it to meet their needs. Mr. Kaplan indicated that the committee will be reviewing demographic projections to determine if the district needs the land for future buildings. They are also reviewing documents that the architect had created for the district.

Action 09-372:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the payment of bills in the amount of \$1,645,955.85 for the period ending February 23, 2009. Motion by M. Kaplan, seconded by D. Weiss. On a roll call vote the resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 9; nays, 0.

Action 09-373:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education 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 NJ Statute, Code and NJ Department of Treasury Guidelines. Where more than five individuals from the district are to attend the same out-of-state conference, the school district shall obtain the prior written approval of the Executive County Superintendent. 2008 OMB Mileage Reimbursement Rate: \$0.31; 7/1/08 IRS Mileage Reimbursement Rate: \$0.55. Motion by M. Kaplan, seconded by D. Weiss. On a roll call vote the resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 9; nays, 0.

Employee/ BOE Member	Program Title/Location	Date(s)	Cost	Mileage	Lodging (per diem)	Meals (per diem)
Francis Kelly	From Talk to Tech... Somerset, NJ	3/20/09	\$100	NA	NA	NA
Cynthia Zayko	Math Disabilities East Hanover, NJ	3/19/2009	\$48	IRS	NA	NA
Susan Reynolds	Avoid Litigation and what you.... Long Branch, NJ	3/27/2009	\$225	IRS	NA	NA
Laura O'Neil	No More Meltdowns – Positive.... New Providence, NJ	2/27/2009	\$130	IRS	NA	NA
Tracy Carew	No More Meltdowns – Positive... New Providence, NJ	2/27/2009	\$130	IRS	NA	NA
Mary McLoughlin	Avoiding Litigation & What you.... Long Branch, NJ	3/27/2009	\$195	OMB	NA	NA
Caroline Mann	Federal Disabilities Law and Public Ed. Princeton, NJ	3/12/2009	\$218	IRS	NA	NA
Lori Brezinsky	Federal Disabilities Law and Public Ed. Princeton, NJ	3/12/2009	\$218	IRS	NA	NA
Martha LaValette	Federal disabilities Law and Public Ed. Princeton, NJ	3/12/2009	\$218	IRS	NA	NA
Lynne DiLeo	School Nurses Conference, Eatontown, NJ	3/21/2009	\$155	IRS	NA	NA
Leanne Pike	Propaganda, Mercer County College, NJ	5/19/2009	\$0	NA	NA	NA

Carla Molloy	Science Expo Meeting, North Hunterdon High School	2/27/2009	NA	NA	NA	NA
Lisa Fama	Helping Children with Auditory Processing Edison, NJ	4/24/2009	\$198	IRS	NA	NA
Amarilis Florio	Helping Children with Auditory Processing... Edison, NJ	4/24/2009	\$198	IRS	NA	NA
Sherri Ann Parsh	Math Intervention Corsortium Hamilton, NJ	1/22/09	NA	NA	NA	NA
Marlene Chynoweth	Innovation Math Intervention, Hamilton, NJ	1/22/2009	NA	NA	NA	NA
Patricia Hunt	NJMEA Music Conference, East Brunswick, NJ	2/20/2009	\$130	IRS	NA	NA
Kelly DiGioia	Monmouth Festival of the Arts, Tinton Falls, NJ	3/30/09	\$75	IRS	NA	NA
Regina Gelinas	Propaganda, Mercer County Community College, NJ	5/19/2009	NA	NA	NA	NA
Diane Cormican	Fine Arts Showcase, Goodwin Holocaust Museum and Education Center	4/23/09	NA	NA	NA	NA
Stephanie Snyder	Using Learning Centers to Differentiate Instruct., Allentown, PA	3/5/2009	\$185	IRS	NA	NA
Roberta Grambor	Tapping the Power of Thinking to Teach Reading.. Philadelphia, PA	3/12/2009	\$179	IRS	NA	NA

Bobbie Felip	Standards and Assessment, Las Vegas, Nevada	4/20-4/22/2009	\$569	NA	NA	\$64 per day for 3 days
Marygrace Flynn	Tapping the Power of Thinking to Teach Reading..., Philadelphia, PA	3/12/2009	\$179	IRS	NA	NA
Lisanne Bartram	Tapping the Power of Thinking to Teach Reading.. Philadelphia, PA	3/12/2009	\$179	IRS	NA	NA
Richard Verderamo	Using Learning Centers to Differentiate..., Allentown, PA	3/5/2009	\$185	IRS	NA	NA
Laura Jacobson	Using Learning Centers to Differentiate..., Allentown, PA	3/5/2009	\$185	IRS	NA	NA
Patricia Comley	Discrete Mathematics: A Future... Rutgers Univ. Piscataway, NJ	12/6/2008	\$55	IRS	NA	NA
Mary Postma	NJ Ask Test Coordinator Training, Jamesburg, NJ	3/18/2009	NA	OMB	NA	NA
Gerard Dalton Lisa Lampariello Joanne Lucariello Leanne Pike Robin Kiefer Richard Rarriff Brent Ruge	Riding the Wave in the Middle, Kean University, Union, NJ	3/27/2009	\$675	OMB IRS	NA	NA

Action 09-374:**RESOLUTION**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education accepts Fiscal Year 2009 NCLB Notification of Grant Award as approved by NJ DOE as follows: Motion by M. Kaplan, seconded by D. Weiss. On a roll call vote the resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 9; nays, 0.

Title II-A (Training and Recruitment) \$25,682.

Title III (LEP Consortium) \$24,178

Title IV (Safe and Drug Free Schools) \$3,374.

Action 09-375: **RESOLUTION**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education authorizes the submission of Fiscal Year 2008 NCLB Carryover application as follows: Motion by M. Kaplan, seconded by D. Weiss. On a roll call vote the resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 9; nays, 0.

Title II-A (Training and Recruitment) \$19,233.

Title III (LEP Consortium) \$15,593

Title IV (Safe and Drug Free Schools) \$118

Title V (Innovative Programs) \$1,254.87

Action 09-376: **RESOLUTION**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve a special education contract with the Morris-Union Jointure Commission for the 2008-2009 school year at the per pupil cost of \$73,643 to be pro-rated. Effective date of the contract is February 2, 2009 to June 30, 2009. Motion by M. Kaplan, seconded by D. Weiss. On a roll call vote the resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 9; nays, 0.

PERSONNEL/NEGOTIATIONS:

Michelle Cresti – Chair, Donna Gregory, Jim Dincuff, Debbie Weiss

Ms. Cresti reported that the committee was finalizing the contract with Kevin Carroll and that negotiations with the CTEA would start soon.

Action 09-377: **RESOLUTION**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve a disability leave for Renee Sielaff to begin on February 17, 2009 and end on March 6, 2009. Motion by M. Cresti, seconded by D. Gregory. On a roll call vote the resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 9; nays, 0.

Action 09-378: **RESOLUTION**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the hiring of Charlene Friedel as a Lunch Aide on Step 1 at an hourly salary of \$11.85 effective March 3, 2009. Motion by M. Cresti, seconded by D. Gregory. On a roll call vote the resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 9; nays, 0.

Action 09-379: RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the hiring of Ellen Sidbury as a temporary 5th grade teacher for Renee Sielaff effective February 17, 2009 and end on March 6, 2009 on Step 1 of the BA guide at a annual salary of \$46,195 to be pro-rated. Motion by M. Cresti, seconded by D. Gregory. On a roll call vote the resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 9; nays, 0.

Action 09-380: RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve Kathleen Merrigan as Study Island Advisor at a contractual hourly rate of \$26.50 per hour for PMG School the hours to be approved by the principal. Motion by M. Cresti, seconded by D. Gregory. On a roll call vote the resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 9; nays, 0.

Action 09-381: RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the hiring of Mark Menck and Linda Searles as substitute teachers. Motion by M. Cresti, seconded by D. Gregory. On a roll call vote the resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 9; nays, 0.

Action 09-382: RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve a disability leave for Brian Cullen effective January 2, 2009 through June 30, 2009. Motion by M. Cresti, seconded by D. Gregory. On a roll call vote the resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 9; nays, 0.

Action 09-383: RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve Rosanne Vitello to provide one on one assistance at a rate of \$21.20 per hour for a student for after school activities, not to exceed 50 hours. Motion by M. Cresti, seconded by D. Gregory. On a roll call vote the resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 9; nays, 0.

Action 09-384: RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve Kelli Portland to provide home training for one student for a total of 10 hours at a rate of \$28.62 per hour. Motion by M. Cresti, seconded by D. Gregory. On a roll call vote the resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 9; nays, 0.

Action 09-385: RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the operation of the Extended School Year program from July 27, 2009 to August 14, 2009 from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. Motion by M. Cresti, seconded by D. Gregory. On a roll call vote the resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 9; nays, 0.

Action 09-386: RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the rate for students evaluations conducted by Marie Schuchman and Traci Swanson at \$450 per evaluation effective July 1, 2008. Motion by M. Cresti, seconded by D. Gregory. On a roll call vote the resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 9; nays, 0.

Action 09-387: RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the name change of the 2008-2009 Computer Club to Computer/Movie Club. Motion by M. Cresti, seconded by D. Gregory. On a roll call vote the resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 9; nays, 0.

Action 09-388: RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the appointment of John Salvo as a medical leave replacement custodian for Brian Cullen effective February 24, 2009 through June 30, 2009 at a per diem rate of \$133.25. Motion by M. Cresti, seconded by D. Gregory. On a roll call vote the resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 9; nays, 0.

Action 09-389: RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the following Requests for Movement across the Salary Guide effective February 15, 2009: Motion by M. Cresti, seconded by D. Gregory. On a roll call vote the resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 9; nays, 0.

Employee	From	To
Renee Sielaff	Step F MA F+15, \$57,545	Step F MA+30, \$58,645
Julie Snee	Step J MA F, \$65,940	Step J MA F +15, \$68,140

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 09-390: RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve that the employment of Marsha Shappell be terminated effective March 3, 2009 as a result of a reduction in force. Motion by M. Cresti, seconded by D. Gregory. On a roll call vote the resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 9; nays, 0.

**POLICY/CURRICULUM:
Roger Straight – Chair, Jody Lebbing****Action 09-391: RESOLUTION**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the first reading of the following regulation: Motion by R. Straight, seconded by J. Lebbing. On a roll call vote the resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 9; nays, 0.

Regulation R6142.10 Technology

Action 09-392: RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve a field trip to the Pequest Hatchery on June 9th and 11th, 2009 for the 3rd grade. Total cost of \$990 for transportation to be paid by outside sources. Motion by R. Straight, seconded by J. Lebbing. On a roll call vote the resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 9; nays, 0.

Action 09-393: RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the following staff members to participate in a Saturday Technology Conference on March 21, 2009 at a participant contractual hourly rate of \$35.94 per hour for 6 hours of professional development. Motion by R. Straight, seconded by J. Lebbing. On a roll call vote the resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 9; nays, 0.

PARTICIPANTS:

Tracy Carew

Robin Kiefer

Dean Greco

Alice Hornbake

Francis Kelly

Carrie Moore

Heidi Zimmerman

Lori Brezinsky

Carla Molloy

Jayson Hill

Kelly DiGioia

Renee Sielaff

Christine Laudato

Patrick Gugliandolo

Dennis Stinner

Carmen Curci

Lisa Lampariello

Adrienne Hodulik

Lisanne Bartram

Deborah Lenig

Leanne Pike
 Kelly Hill
 Jean Allen
 Ursula Wooley
 Julie Mooney
 Patricia Comly
 Ellenjane Jacobsen
 Timothy Jaw
 Erin Evans
 Judy Johnson
 Jennifer Sandorse
 Gabrielle MacQueen

Marygrace Flynn
 Polly Glowatz
 Catharine Miller
 Sherry Marlatt
 Deborah Paragone
 Catherine Nojiri
 Anne Alley
 Tina Rockafellow
 Julia Mangino
 Brent Ruge
 Kelly Jones

Action 09-394:**RESOLUTION**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve following staff members to participate and present at a Saturday Technology Conference on March 21, 2009 at a participant contractual hourly rate of \$35.94 for 4 hours and at a presenter contractual hourly rate of \$71.88 per hour for 2 hours of professional development. Motion by R. Straight, seconded by J. Lebbing. On a roll call vote the resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 9; nays, 0.

PRESENTERS

Matt Cirigliano
 Kim Police
 Chuck Roberto
 Michele DiGiovanni

Suzanne Gitomer
 Jean Baxter
 Patrick Ferrante

COMMUNICATIONS:**Donna Gregory – Chair, Michelle Cresti, Grace Hoefig**

Mrs. Gregory reported that her committee has met several times to discuss the plans to get out the vote for the spring election on the 2009 – 2010 budget. She indicated that a letter written by Dennis Fyffe will be part of the township's newsletter and will be emailed to the school community. There are plans to meet with the senior citizens, PTA and Township Council.

RECOGNITION OF THE PUBLIC:

- Franklyn Isaacson – Inquired if an individual can run for more than one seat for the Board of Education. He also said the proposed conference should be very good as the speaker from Apple is quite noteworthy.

NEW BUSINESS**Parental Request for Waiver of Board Polciy Regarding Admission to School**

The Board of Education discussed the request of a parent to consider admission of their child into first grade in September 2009 although she will not have met the cut-off date as established by board policy. After a lengthy discussion the board took no action on this request.

At 10:00 pm the Board took a 15 minute recess and reconvened at 10:15 pm.

The Board then heard a request from the parent of the child regarding admission to the first grade asking the Board consider waiving its board policy or amend its policy so that his child could be admitted. Jim Dincuff responded that this request would be taken under advisement by the policy committee and if the committee recommends a change to the policy then the entire board would consider the change.

Discussion of the 2009 – 2010 Tentative Proposed Budget

The Board with the administration had a lengthy discussion regarding the 2009 – 2010 Tentative Proposed Budget. Interim Superintendent Dennis Fyffe described the process that he has used to gather information to put the budget together. He has met with the administrative team examining budget requests and staffing requests.

Mr. Fyffe also presented the Board with a listing of budget goals that will help focus discussion on the budget and guide its decision making as it builds the budget. After much discussion on the individual goals the Board took the following action:

Action 09-395:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the following budgetary goals to guide the development of the 2009 – 2010 Budget.

1. Maintain, support and improve current educational programs.
2. Maintain current levels of professional staff to support existing class sizes.
3. Continue to improve student academic performance for all students, both in class and on standardized tests.
4. Continue to infuse proven technology into classrooms to enhance instruction and learning.
5. Balance current economic realities with ensuring sufficient funds to support goals 1 – 4.

Motion by M. Kaplan, seconded by J. Lebbing. On a roll call vote the resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 9; nays, 0.

Mr. Fyffe then asked Mr. Strimple, Interim School Business Administrator, to discuss the details of the budget.

Mr. Strimple reviewed the appropriations and revenues for the 2009-2010 budget with the Board. He indicated that at this time the district is over its CAP, in other words they would have to exceed their permitted level to raise taxes to meet the appropriation spending level. Since this is not permitted the district must either find alternative revenue sources or reduce appropriations. He then presented to the Board and community a listing of several items that would reduce spending and bring the district under its permitted CAP. The Board reviewed the recommended deductions and made a decision to bring the budget at CAP.

By bringing the budget to CAP it was the direction of the Board to include in the budget the following new positions: 2 assistant principals, a social worker and psychologist and 2.5 teachers to improve literacy and the enrichment program.

Action 09-396: RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the operation of the ACE Summer Program from July 6, 2009 to July 24, 2009 from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. Motion by R. Straight, seconded by M. Kaplan. On a roll call vote the resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 9; nays, 0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Action 09-397: RESOLUTION

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 23, 2009 at 12:10 AM to discuss matters of personnel as it relates to the midyear review of district administrators' performance and the contract for the newly appointed superintendent of schools.*
- 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. The length of the meeting is thought to be approximately ninety (90) minutes.*

Motion by M. Kaplan, seconded by R. Straight. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 9; nays, 0.

Open session resumed at 1:00 AM.

ADJOURNMENT

Action 09-398:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education adjourns the meeting at 1:01 AM. Motion by D. Gregory, seconded by M. Cresti. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 9; nays, 0.

Respectfully Submitted,

James H. Strimple, Jr.
Interim School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Minutes Prepared: 2/24/2009
Minutes remain unofficial until Board of Education approval.

Board of Education Approved:

Frank "Jim" Dincuff
Board President

Date