

**CLINTON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

MINUTES

Regular Meeting – March 23, 2009

TIME AND PLACE: The regular meeting was held on March 23, 2009, by the Board of Education of the Clinton Township School District, Hunterdon County, in the All Purpose Room of the Round Valley Elementary School located at 128 Cokesbury Road, Lebanon, New Jersey.

**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 7:35 PM.

ROLL CALL

Present:

Jim Dincuff, President	Mark Kaplan
Donna Gregory, Vice President	Roger Straight
Michelle Cresti arrived 7:55 PM	Debra Weiss
Grace Hoefig	Jody Lebbing
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

6th Grade students from the Round Valley Student Oboe and Flute Ensemble played several selections for the Board and audience. The students performed under the direction of Mr. Jayson Hill.

Mr. Fyffe presented the following reports to the Board of Education:

Enrollment and Suspension

Points of Information:

- The Public Hearing on the 2009 - 2010 Budget will be held on March 30, 2009 at 7:00 pm in the Round Valley School Library.
- Three local firms have donated supplies, food, beverages and gift certificates for the Technology Conference held on Saturday, March 21, 2009.
 - Subway 60 3" subs
 - McDonald's coffee and supplies
 - Shop Rite – 2 \$100 gift certificates

Action 09-406:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the line item transfers for the period ending February 28, 2009. Motion by M. Kaplan, seconded by D. Weiss. On a roll call vote the resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 8; nays, 0.

Action 09-407:

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 February 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.

OLD BUSINESS

The Board inquired about the status of the appraisal for the Vought House. Mr. Strimple indicated that he would call the appraiser to determine when the appraisal will be completed.

Rose Wall	CTMS	New Teacher Grant	\$250.00
Catherine Wojtowicz	SRS	New Teacher Grant	\$250.00
Ofeer Kearns	SRS	New Teacher Grant	\$250.00
Tara Dolan	SRS	New Teacher Grant	\$250.00
Amita Ravinder	SRS	New Teacher Grant	\$250.00

Action 09-412:**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)
Julie Snee	Rutgers Reading & Writing Annual Conf., New Brunswick, NJ	4/3/2009	\$195	IRS	NA	NA
Kate Zimmerbaum	Rutgers Reading & Writing Annual Conf., New Brunswick, NJ	4/3/2009	\$195	IRS	NA	NA
Joanne Lucariello	Rutgers Reading & Writing Annual Conference, New Brunswick, NJ.	4/3/2009	\$195	IRS	NA	NA
Lynne Avery	Rutgers Reading & Writing Annual Conference, New Brunswick, NJ	4/3/2009	\$195	IRS	NA	NA
Linda Szwed	Making the Most of Dragon Speaking Naturally, Ewing, NJ	4/2/2009	\$125	IRS	NA	NA

Karen Sinagra	Best Strategies to Help Occ. Therapists... Newark, NJ	3/31/2009	\$199	IRS	NA	NA
Joan Slagus	Best Strategies to Help Occ. Therapists... Newark, NJ	3/31/2009	\$199	IRS	NA	NA
Laura Jacobson	Responsive Classroom Training, Turners Fall, Mass.	4/3 - 4/5/2009	NA	IRS	\$267	\$44 per day
Kendra Squindo	Adolescent Depression & Suicide, Lancaster, PA	3/30 & 3/31/2009	\$198	IRS	NA	NA
Bobbie Felip	Curriculum Mapping in the 21 st Cent., Monroe, NJ	4/19/2009	\$195	OMB	NA	NA
Mary McLoughlin	Section 504: Practical Tips for Compliance... Long Branch, NJ	May 11, 2009	\$149	OMB	NA	NA
Jennifer Paccione	Response to Intervention: Strategies for Intervening, New Brunswick, NJ	5/12/2009	\$199	IRS	NA	NA

Action 09-413:**RESOLUTION**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve a Special Education Tuition Contract with the Newmark School located in Plainfield, N.J. in the amount of \$235.29 per day effective March 9, 2009 through 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 continues to refine the contract for the new superintendent of schools.

Action 09-414: RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education appoint Michelle Nor as Secretary to the Director of Special Services with a start date of July 20, 2009 through June 30, 2010 at an annual salary of \$40,000 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 09-415: RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve Patricia Davis and Margaret Sewall as Co-Directors of the Ski Club with a stipend of \$1,350 each. This is a self-funded activity. Motion by M. Cresti, seconded by D. Gregory. On a roll call vote the resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 8; nays, 1 (Schaedel).

Action 09-416: RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education appoint the following individuals as chaperones for the Ski Club to be paid at a rate of \$150 per trip (Trip Dates January 8, 15, 22, and 29 and February 5, and 19, 2009. This is a self-funded activity. Motion by M. Cresti, seconded by D. Gregory. On a roll call vote the resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 8; nays, 1 (Schaedel).

Caroline Mann	Jill Selbo	Tara Cantagallo
Patricia Davis	Patrick Ferrante	Robin Kiefer
Lisa Lampariello	Martha LaValette	Francis Lin
Joanne Lucariello	Margaret Sewall	Meredith Pascoe

Action 09-417: RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education appoint the following individuals and approve stipends for co-curricular activities. Motion by M. Cresti, seconded by D. Gregory. On a roll call vote the resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 8 ; nays, 1 (Schaedel).

Tara Cantagallo	Girl's Softball	\$2,491
Brent Ruge	Boy's Lacrosse	\$1,802
Scott Annon	Golf	\$500

Action 09-418: RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve a maternity leave of absence for Alice Hornbake beginning on May 26, 2009 and ending on June 26, 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 09-419: RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education terminate the contract of Melissa Manks, teacher Assistant, effective March 27, 2009 due to 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.

Action 09-420: RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the appointments for 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.

Patricia Shideler
Jamie Holloway Friedel

Lisa Bartholomew
Donna Brown

Marybeth Henry
David N. Seidorf

Action 09-421: RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the following 2008/2009 Substitute Secretaries at the Board approved rate of \$11.00 per hour (May 19, 2008): Motion by M. Cresti, seconded by D. Gregory. On a roll call vote the resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 9; nays, 0.

Cindy Christopher Jean Griffiths

Action 09-422: RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve a Child Rearing/Adoption leave of absence for Erinn Auletta beginning on September 8, 2009 and ending on February 1, 2010. Motion by M. Cresti, seconded by D. Gregory. On a roll call vote the resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 9; nays, 0.

Action 09-423: RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education appoint Laura O'Neill as a Study Island Advisor at RVS at the rate of \$26.50 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 09-424: RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the termination of Joanne Ruggiero .4 Resource Center Teacher Assistant at Spruce Run School as a reduction in force effective April 14, 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 09-425:**RESOLUTION**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve Ofeer Kearns to provide home instruction for a period 5 hours per week for 2 to 4 weeks at the tutor rate of pay of \$28.62. Motion by M. Cresti, seconded by D. Gregory. On a roll call vote the resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 9; nays, 0.

Action 09-426:**RESOLUTION**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the 2009/2010 appointment of and employment contract for the following non-tenured certificated staff members earning tenure in 2009-2010. Motion by M. Cresti, seconded by D. Gregory. On a roll call vote the resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 9; nays, 0.

Last Name	First Name	Building	Position	Step	Degree	Salary
Brezinsky	Lori	CTMS	Special Ed Teacher	C	BA	\$47,990
Cozin	Ben	CTMS	Special Ed Teacher	C	MA in F	\$51,740
Ferrante	Patrick	CTMS	Teacher -Computer Ed	E	BA	\$50,385
Greco	Dean	CTMS	Teacher - Computer Tech	C	BA	\$47,990
Ruge	Brent	CTMS	Teacher - Health	D	BA+15	\$50,050
Jaw	Timothy	PMG	Teacher - Technology	C	MA in F	\$51,740
Snyder	Stephanie	PMG	Special Ed Teacher	E	MA in F+15	\$56,635
Szwedo	Linda	PMG	LDT/C	O	MA+45	\$84,885
Kocot	John	RVS	Special Ed Teacher	C	MA in F	\$51,740
Russomano	Rita	RVS	Special Ed Teacher	C	BA+45	\$51,740
Stanwick	Paula	RVS	Special Ed Teacher	D	MA+15	\$52,850
Zimmerbaum	Kate	RVS	Teacher - Grade 6	C	BA+15	\$48,940
Russoniello	Carol	SRS	Teacher - Grade 1	E	MA in F	\$54,135

Action 09-427:**RESOLUTION**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the 2009-2010 appointment of and employment contract for the following non-tenured certificated staff members. Motion by M. Cresti, seconded by D. Gregory. On a roll call vote the resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 9; nays, 0.

Last Name	First Name	Building	Position	Step	Degree	Salary
Curci	Carmen	CTMS	Teacher - World	B	BA+30	\$49,990

			Language			
Guidi	Mary	CTMS	Special Ed Teacher	B	BA	\$47,490
Molloy	Carla	CTMS	Teacher - 7th Grade Science	B	BA	\$47,490
Wall	Rose	CTMS	Teacher – French .5	B	BA	\$23,745
Caballero	Colleen	PMG	Teacher - World Language	D	BA+45	\$54,135
Chassey	Erin	PMG	Music Teacher	D	BA	\$49,100
Cwynar	Jennifer	PMG	Teacher - Grade 2	B	MA in F	\$51,240
Hoffman	Heather	PMG	Teacher – Grade 3	B	BA	\$47,490
Johnson	Katie	PMG	Special Ed Teacher	B	BA	\$47,490
MacQueen	Gabrielle	PMG	Teacher – Grade 2	B	BA	\$47,490
Miller	Catharine	PMG	Special Ed Teacher	C	BA+45	\$51,740
Salazar	Elizabeth	PMG	Speech/Language Specialist	B	MA in F	\$51,240
Evans	Erin	RVS	Teacher- Grade 5	C	MA in F	\$51,740
Fama	Lisa	RVS	Speech Therapist	I	MA in F	\$64,335
Gitto	JoAnn	RVS	Special Ed Teacher	C	MA in F	\$51,740
Jones	Kelly	RVS	Teacher - Grade 4	D	MA in F	\$52,850
Kelly	Francis	RVS	Teacher/Spanish	C	BA	\$47,990
Laudato	Christine	RVS	Teacher - Grade 5	B	MA in F	\$51,240
Lynch	Judith	RVS	Teacher - Grade 4	C	BA+15	\$48,940
Martlatt	Sherry	RVS	Teacher - Grade 5	B	BA	\$47,490
O’Neil	Laura	RVS	Special Ed Teacher	B	BA	\$47,490
Saha	Neha	RVS	Teacher - Grade 6	B	MA	\$49,990
Sandorse	Jennifer	RVS	Teacher - Grade 4	B	BA	\$47,490
Schultz	Kristina	RVS	Teacher - Grade 2	B	BA	\$47,490
Shaw	Kellie	RVS	Special Ed Teacher	B	MA in F	\$51,240
Straight	Susan	RVS	School Nurse	B	MA in F	\$51,240
Waldron	Jere	RVS	PE Teacher	B	BA	\$47,490
Wright- Bauer	Donna	RVS	Special Ed Teacher	D	MA in F	\$52,850
Zimmerman	Heidi	RVS	Teacher - Grade 6	D	BA+30	\$51,600
Avery	Lynne	SRS	Teacher – Grade 1	C	BA+15	\$48,940
Diamantis	Penny	SRS	Speech/Language Specialist	K	MA in F	\$69,735
DiGioia	Kelly	SRS	Teacher / Art	B	BA	\$47,490
Kearns	Ofeer	SRS	Teacher - Grade 1	B	MA in F	\$51,240
Kopec	Tara	SRS	School Psychologist	B	MA in F+30	\$54,990
Nugent	Danielle	SRS	Special Ed Teacher	B	BA+15	\$48,440
Ravinder	Amita	SRS	Special Ed Teacher - Grade 1	B	BA	\$47,490

Shaughnessy	Denise	SRS	School Nurse	B	BA	\$47,490
Wojtowicz	Catherine	SRS	Pre-K Teacher	B	MA in F	\$51,240
Roy	Kevin	RVS	Special Ed Teacher	B	MA in F	\$51,240

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.

POLICY/CURRICULUM:

Roger Straight – Chair, Jody Lebbing

Action 09-428: RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the 2009 First Annual PMG Basketball Extravaganza for Friday, March, 27, 2009. Motion by R. Straight, seconded by J. Lebbing. On a roll call vote the resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 9; nays, 0.

Action 09-429: RESOLUTION

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

Special Education.....6171.4

Action 09-430: RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve second reading and adoption of the following regulation:

Technology.....R6142.10

Action 09-431: RESOLUTION

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

Great Adventure, Jackson, NJ..... June 6, 2009
 Lebanon Twp. Museum/School House... March 31, April 2, 7, 9, 21, 23, May 5, 7, 2009
 Echo Hill Park..... May 4, 5, 15, 21, 2009

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

Mrs. Gregory reported that the April Newsletter has been completed and will be mailed in early April.

She also 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 also indicated that there are plans by the PTA to sponsor a Candidate’s Night on Monday, April 6, 2009.

The Board will also present the 2009-2010 Budget to the full Township Council on Wednesday, April 8, 2009. There are also plans to present the budget in a more lengthy meeting in April. No date has been set.

RECOGNITION OF THE PUBLIC:

- Steve Krommenhoek inquired as to when the district’s budget would be posted on its web site. He also asked a question about the letter from the Department of Education regarding the district’s special education program.

NEW BUSINESS

No New Business was presented at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION**Action 09-432:****RESOLUTION**

Resolved by the Board of Education of Clinton Township as per Chapter 231, P. L. 1975:

- That it is hereby determined that it is necessary to meet in Executive Session on Monday, March 23, 2009 at 8:50 PM to discuss matters of personnel as it relates to the evaluation and appointment of non-tenured staff members.*
- 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.*
- The length of the meeting is thought to be approximately ninety (90) minutes.*

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

Open session resumed at 9:25 PM.

Action 09-433:**RESOLUTION**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the 2009/2010 appointment of and employment contract for the following non-tenured certificated administrative staff members

earning tenure in 2009-2010. Motion by M. Cresti, seconded by D. Gregory. On a roll call vote the resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 9; nays, 0.

Felip, Barbara	Curriculum Director	\$113,568
Postma, Mary	Principal	\$102,752

Action 09-434: RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the 2009/2010 appointment of and employment contract for the following non-tenured certificated administrative staff members. Motion by M. Cresti, seconded by D. Gregory. On a roll call vote the resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 9; nays, 0.

Hammond, Judith	Principal	\$98,800
McLoughlin, Mary	Director of Special Services	\$119,808

The Board then discussed the process for interviewing and appointing a permanent School Business Administrator. It is the intent of the Board to appoint an individual to the position in April so that they can begin on July 1, 2009.

ADJOURNMENT

Action 09-435: RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education adjourns the meeting at 9:35 PM. Motion by R. Straight, seconded by D. Weiss. 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: 3/24/2009
Minutes remain unofficial until Board of Education approval.

Board of Education Approved:

Frank "Jim" Dincuff
Board President

Date