

**CLINTON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

MINUTES

Special Meeting – March 30, 2009

TIME AND PLACE: The special meeting was held on March 30, 2009, by the Board of Education of the Clinton Township School District, Hunterdon County, in the Library located in 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 26, 2009.

CALL TO ORDER: President Jim Dincuff called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

ROLL CALL

Present:

Jim Dincuff, President	Jody Lebbing
Donna Gregory, Vice President	Roger Straight
Grace Hoefig	Debra Weiss
Mark Kaplan	Gene Schaedel
Michelle Cresti (arrived 7:15 pm)	

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATORS

PRESENT:

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mr. Dincuff led the group in the pledge of allegiance.

Discussion of the 2009 – 2010 Final Proposed Budget:

Mr. Dennis Fyffe and Mr. James Strimple gave a power point presentation on the 2009-2010 Final Proposed Budget. After the presentation members of the Board of Education made comments and asked questions.

A Budget Brochure was distributed to those members of the community that were present and to members of the board of education.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Several members of the audience inquired about the reduction in staff at the elementary schools and what impact it might have on class size. Specifically members of the audience were concerned with the reduction in two third grade teachers and the reduction in teacher assistants. Questions were also asked about the need of two assistant principals in light of the economy. Other questions focused on the increase in tuition and the percentage increase in purchased services.

Action 09-436**RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the 2009/2010 proposed budget includes sufficient funds to implement the proposed planning process as described in this district's Annual Report pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7A -11 and to provide curriculum and instruction which will enable all students to achieve the Core Curriculum Content Standards;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Clinton Township Board of Education approves the final proposed 2009/2010 budget in the amount of \$28,245,076 and authorizes its submission to the Hunterdon County Superintendent of Schools for approval and to be placed on the ballot on April 21, 2009:

Current Expense.....	\$24,706,986
Capital Outlay	\$0
Special Schools	\$172,928
Capital Reserve Fund – Interest Deposit	<u>\$100</u>
 Total General Fund	 \$24,880,014
 Special Revenue Fund.....	 \$564,667
Debt Service Fund.....	\$2,800,395
 Total Budget.....	 \$28,245,076

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the submission of the tax levy cap calculation as follows:

Prebudget year adjusted tax levy, including weighted increases for enrollment, inflated by 4%	\$22,067,268
Adjustment for Reduction in Total State Aid From Prebudget Year, Issued with State Aid Notices	\$0
Adjustment for Increase in Health Care Cost	
Adjustment for Districts Spending Above Adequacy, with General Fund Levy Greater than Local Share and State Aid Increase Greater than CPI	
Request to the Commissioner for Waivers:	\$0
Increase in Capital Outlay	\$0
Increase in Special Education Costs over \$40,000 per pupil	\$0

New School Costs	\$0
Increase in Energy Costs	\$0
Increase in Insurance Costs	\$0
Increase in Transportation Costs for Hazardous Routes	\$0
Increase in Tuition Costs	\$0
Failure to Meet CCCS under QSAC	\$0
Non-recurring General Fund Revenues	\$0
Other Waiver requests	\$0
Total Tax Levy Cap:	\$22,067,268

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED to acknowledge that the 2009/2010 budget as described above results in a general fund tax levy in the amount of \$21,803,969 and a debt service tax levy in the amount of \$2,600,256.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in accordance with Board of Education Policy No. 9250, the district budgeted in the 2008/2009 budget \$100,000 for travel expenses. As of February 28, 2009 the district has spent \$27,249 for travel expenses. The maximum travel allowance for the 2009/2010 school year shall be established at \$75,000.

Motion by M. Kaplan, seconded by D. Weiss. On a roll call vote the resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 8; nays, 1 (Schaedel).

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Action 09-437

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, March 30, 2009 at 8:28 PM to discuss matters of personnel as it relates to the employment and contract for a school business administrator.*
- 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 sixty (60) minutes.*

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

The Board returned from Executive Session at 9:15 PM.

ADDENDUM**Action 09-438****RESOLUTION**

1. *BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education receive the following bids for Masonry Restoration Work at The Patrick McGaheran Elementary School opened on March 24, 2009. Motion by M. Kaplan, seconded by J. Lebbing. On a roll call vote the resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 9; nays, 0.*

RECEIPT OF BIDS FOR MASONRY RESTORATION AT THE
PATRICK MCGAHERAN SCHOOL

BIDS	Bokey, Inc.	Spartan Const.	Hahr Construction	Bayshore General Contractors	Duall Building Restoration, Inc.
#1 Caulking replacement	\$ 9,800.00	\$12,000.00	\$ 23,866.50	\$13,800.00	\$11,015.00
#2 Repointing work	\$10,000.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$14,608.00	\$11,800.00	\$12,860.00
#3 Clean Designated areas with chemical	\$22,800.00	\$16,500.00	\$70,000.50	\$9,900.00	\$26,900.00
#4 Clean non-designated areas with water	\$7,500.00	\$11,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$5,450.00	\$7,200.00
#5 Clean and paint lintels	\$3,700.00	\$2,300.00	\$3,822.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,100.00
#6 Install water repellent on designated areas	\$21,600.00	\$ 8,800.00	\$39,500.00	\$27,645.00	\$21,225.00
#7 Install water repellent on non-designated areas cleaned with water	\$17,900.00	\$7,200.00	\$26,500.00	\$18,850.00	\$14,345.00

#8 Combined Bid	\$93,300.00	\$66,800.00	\$208,297.00	\$90,445.00	\$ 96,645.00
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Action 09-439**RESOLUTION**

2. *BE IT RESOLVED that based on the advice of Board Counsel the Board of Education accept the withdrawal request of the bid from Spartan Construction, Inc. of Oakhurst, New Jersey due to an error in their bid estimate. Motion by M. Kaplan, seconded by J. Lebbing. On a roll call vote the resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 9; nays, 0.*

Action 09-440**RESOLUTION**

3. *BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education award a bid to Bayshore General Contractors, Inc. of Brick, New Jersey for the following Masonry Restoration services to The Patrick McGaheran School. Motion by M. Kaplan, seconded by J. Lebbing. On a roll call vote the resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 9; nays, 0.*

Bid #1 Caulking	\$13,800
Bid #2 Repointing	\$11,800
Bid #3 Clean Building in designated areas with Chemical Assist	\$9,900
Bid #5 Clean and paint lintels	\$3,000
Bid #6 Apply water repellent to designated areas Cleaned with Chemical Assist	<u>\$27,645</u>
TOTAL AWARD	\$66,145

Action 09-441**RESOLUTION**

4. *BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve a grant submission to the New Jersey School Boards Association Insurance Group in the amount of \$7,395 for playground inspections and safety material installation at The Patrick McGaheran School. Motion by M. Kaplan, seconded by J. Lebbing. On a roll call vote the resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 9; nays, 0.*

ADJOURNMENT**Action 09-442:****RESOLUTION**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education adjourn the meeting at 9:30 PM. Motion by R. Straight, seconded by M. Kaplan. On a roll call vote resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 8; nays, 0.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

Minutes Prepared: 3/31/2009
Minutes remain unofficial until Board of Education approval.

Board of Education Approved:

Frank "Jim" Dincuff
Board President

Date