

**CLINTON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

AGENDA

Regular Meeting – March 23, 2009, 7:30 PM

1. Call to Order.

2. Roll Call Attendance.

3. Sunshine Notice:

In accordance with the provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, Laws of 1975, adequate notice of this meeting was provided through the annual public notice on April 30, 2008 by:

- a. Faxing to five newspapers designated by the Board - Hunterdon County Democrat, Hunterdon Review, Courier News, Star-Ledger, and Express Times
- b. Posting on the District Website, the main bulletin board in the Administration Office and in each Clinton Township School.
- c. Filing with the Clerk of Clinton Township.

4. Pledge of Allegiance.

5. Round Valley 6th Grade Flute and Oboe Ensemble

6. Report of the Superintendent of Schools – Mr. Dennis Fyffe, Interim Superintendent

- a. Superintendent's Update: Enrollment and Suspension

7. Approval of Minutes

- a. Motion to approve the following meeting minutes:

February 23, 2009 – Regular Meeting Minutes
February 23, 2009 – Executive Session Minutes
March 16, 2009 – Special Meeting Minutes
March 16, 2009 – Executive Session Minutes

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

- a. Correspondence:

- March 3, 2009 letter from Franklyn Isaacson regarding the 2009/2010 Budget.

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

- c. Motion to approve line item transfers for period ending February 28, 2009.
- d. Motion to approve Board Secretary and Treasurer Reports for month ending February 28, 2009.

9. Old Business

10. Committee Reports

- A. Facilities/Finance
- B. Personnel/Negotiations
- C. Policy/Curriculum
- D. Communications

11. Public Comment

12. Executive Session, if necessary

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, January 26, 2009 to discuss matters of personnel as it relates to renewal of contract employment for staff and the contract for the new 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 sixty (60) minutes.

13. New Business

14. Adjournment

A. Facilities/Finance:

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

A-1 Motion to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$743,379.85, for the period ending March 23, 2009 .

A-2 Motion to authorize the submission of the Extraordinary Aid Request for School Year 2008/2009 in the amount of \$528,184.

A-3 Motion to accept FY09 IDEIA funding as approved by the New Jersey Department of Education in the following amounts:

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| Basic | \$425,768 |
| Preschool | \$12,693 |

A-4 Motion to accept the following 2008/2009 grants from the Clinton Township Foundation for Educational Excellence:

| Grant Recipient | School | Title | Amount |
|----------------------------|--------|----------------------------------|----------|
| Jayson Hill | RVS | Bringing the Basses to Orchestra | \$3,400 |
| Penny Diamantis | SRS | New Teacher Grant | \$250.00 |
| Liz Salazar | PMG | New Teacher Grant | \$250.00 |
| Mark Buschi | CTMS | Freedom Shrine | \$915.00 |
| 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 |
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A-5 Motion to approve 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; 1/1/09 IRS Mileage Reimbursement Rate: \$0.55.

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| 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 Szwedo | 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 | May 11, 2009 | \$149 | OMB | NA | NA |

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| | Compliance... Long Branch, NJ | | | | | |
| Matt Cirigliano | NSBA 2009 Ed. Technology Site Visits; Lake Charles La | 4/26 -4/28, 2009 | \$495 | OMB | \$129 plus tax | \$39 |
| Jennifer Paccione | Response to Intervention: Strategies for Intervening, New Brunswick, NJ | 5/12/2009 | \$199 | IRS | NA | NA |

A-6 Motion to 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.

B. Personnel/Negotiation Committee:

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

B-1 Motion to 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.

B-2 Motion to 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.

B-3 Motion to 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.

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

B-4 Motion to appoint the following individuals and approve stipends:

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

B-5 Motion to approve a maternity leave of absence for Alice Hornbake beginning on May 26, 2009 and ending on June 26, 2009

B-6 Motion to terminate the contract of Melissa Manks, teacher Assistant, effective March 27, 2009 due to a reduction in force.

B-7 Motion to approve the appointments for substitute teachers:

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| Patricia Shideler | Lisa Bartholomew | Marybeth Henry |
| Jamie Holloway Friedel | Donna Brown | David N. Seidorf |

B-8 Motion to approve the following 2008/2009 Substitute Secretaries at the Board approved rate of \$11.00 per hour (May 19, 2008):

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| Cindy Christopher | Jean Griffiths |
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B-9 Motion to approve a Child Rearing/Adoption leave of absence for Erinn Auletta beginning on September 8, 2009 and ending on February 1, 2010.

B-10 Motion to appoint Laura O'Neill as a Study Island Advisor at RVS at the rate of \$26.50 per hour.

B-11 Motion to approve the termination of Joanne Ruggiero .4 Resource Center Teacher Assistant at Spruce Run School as a reduction in force effective April 14, 2009.

B-12 Motion to 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.

B-13 Motion to approve the 2009/2010 appointment of and employment contract for the following non-tenured certificated staff members earning tenure in 2009-2010.

| 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 | 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 |

B-14 Motion to approve the 2009-2010 appointment of and employment contract for the following non-tenured certificated staff members.

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

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| 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 |
| | Kevin | RVS | Special Ed Teacher | B | MA in F | |

B-15 Motion to approve the 2009/2010 appointment of and employment contract for the following non-tenured certificated administrative staff members earning tenure in 2009-2010.

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

B-16 Motion to approve the 2009-2010 appointment of and employment contract for the following non-tenured certificated administrative staff members.

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

PLEASE NOTE: ALL STAFF APPOINTMENTS ARE AT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS. ALL SALARIES ARE PRO-RATED TO THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF EMPLOYMENT.

C. Policy/Curriculum Committee:

Roger Straight – Chair, Jody Lebbing, Gene Schaedel

C-1 Motion to approve the 2009 First Annual PMG Basketball Extravaganza for Friday, march, 27, 2009.

C-2 Motion to approve the first reading of the following policy:

Special Education.....6171.4

C-3 Motion to approve the second reading and adoption of the following regulation:

TechnologyR6142.10

C-4 Motion to approve the following field trips:

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

D. Communications:

Donna Gregory – Chair, Michelle Cresti, Grace Hoefig