

**CLINTON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

MINUTES

**Special Meeting January 9, 2012 at 6:30 pm
Round Valley School
District Conference Room**

CALL TO ORDER: Mr. Dincuff called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**PUBLICATION
OF 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 public notice on January 3, 2012:

- a. Faxing to four newspapers designated by the Board – Hunterdon County Democrat, Hunterdon Review, 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

ROLL CALL

Present:

Board Members:

Jim Dincuff, President	Kevin Maloy
Michelle Cresti, Vice President	Rachel McLaughlin
Marc Freda	Kevin Sturges
Maria Grant	Michelle Sullivan
Mark Kaplan	

Present:

District Administrators:

Mr. Kevin J. Carroll, Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Anthony Del Sordi, Assistant Business Administrator/Board Secretary

**PLEDGE OF
ALLEGIANCE:**

Ms. Cresti led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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 9, 2012 to discuss the Superintendent search.*

- 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 thirty (30) minutes.*
- d. *Action may be taken upon return.*

Motion by M. Freda, seconded by R. McLaughlin. The motion was passed by the full membership of the Board at 6:43 p.m.

The Board reconvened the public portion of the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

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The Board continued their discussion with Dr. Fiander on the next steps in the process for the selection of a new Superintendent. It was indicated that the Board would prepare questions based on the survey results and the questions would be grouped by category. Based on the number of applicants, there would be possibly three dates for interviews with two or three candidates each time. Candidates would be interviewed for forty-five to fifty minutes and then the Board would critique the individuals immediately following each interview. The Board had a very lengthy discussion on who would be involved in the interview process. Some Board members felt that staff, parents and residents should be represented. Dr. Fiander expressed his concern that the integrity of the process could suffer if interview participants extended beyond the Board members. The Board agreed to vote on whether to include individuals, other than Board members, in the interview process at the meeting of the Board on January 23, 2012.

FIRST RECOGNITION OF PUBLIC

The meeting was open to the public at 8:55 p.m. A member of the public asked several questions regarding the process for the Superintendent search including the procedure used in the past for this position. He also raised questions about the survey and the importance to communicate to the public the need for their participating. The Board indicated that information has gone out to parents, staff and the public in various forms including newspaper articles, letters to the editor, a posting on NJ.com and the Town website.

The public session was closed for comment at 9:05 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

- School Choice - Mr. Carroll indicated that he attended a meeting on this program and letters were already sent to parents for the 2012-13 school year. He was anticipating an additional sixty students for the next school year. Several Board members raised concern that we were expanding the program for next year without any assessment or evaluation on the program. The Board requested that Mr. Carroll provide a business plan that includes enrollment data as well as financial data. The Board asked Mr. Carroll to contact the Board Attorney and question whether the district must move forward with the expansion for next year or other options available to the Board. The Board's Ad Hoc Committee on School Choice agreed to meet after tonight's meeting to discuss the issue in more detail.
- Full Day Kindergarten Program - various Board committees will be discussing this issue and it will appear on the January 23 agenda.
- Radon Testing - canisters will be placed in the schools on January 16, 2012. The recreation programs will be permitted to occupy the building during the test period.

NEW BUSINESS

- The Board requested that the website be updated to include the committee assignments for Mr. Maloy and Mr. Sturges.

SECOND RECOGNITION OF THE PUBLIC

The meeting was open to the public at 10:05 p.m.

It was noted that the cost of the school choice program could result in expenses in excess of revenue at some point.

The meeting was closed to public comment at 10:07 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Action 12-AJ-014:

***BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education adjourns this meeting at 10:10 pm. Motion by M. Kaplan, seconded by M. Cresti. The motion on the resolution was **ADOPTED** by the full membership of the Board.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Anthony Del Sordi
Interim Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Minutes Prepared: 1/23/12

Minutes remain unofficial until Board of Education approval

Board of Education Approved:

Frank "Jim" Dincuff
Board President

Date