

**CLINTON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**AGENDA
Special Meeting February 13, 2012 at 7:30 pm
Clinton Township Middle School
Auditorium**

CALL TO ORDER: _____ called the meeting to order at _____

**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 February 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, Interim Business Administrator/Board Secretary

**PLEDGE OF
ALLEGIANCE:**

_____ led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – AGENDA ITEM ONLY

POLICY/CURRICULUM:

**Kevin Sturges – Chair; Michelle Cresti, Michelle Sullivan & Rachel McLaughlin
Action Item 12-PC-033**

Action 12-PC-033:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby approves establishing the Election of Members of the Clinton Township Board of Education As the First Tuesday after the First Monday in November.

WHEREAS, P.L. 2011, c. 202 (Senate Bill 3148) authorizes a local board of education to change the election date of school board members from the third Tuesday in April to the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November (the General Election); and

WHEREAS, Such action requires the adoption of a resolution by a majority vote of a quorum of the local board of education; and

WHEREAS, P.L. 2011, c. 202 (S-3148) requires that the change in election date remain in effect for four years; and

WHEREAS, P.L. 2011, c. 202 (S-3148) eliminates the annual voter referendum on the proposed general fund tax levy (i.e., the base budget which is at or below the statutory tax levy cap) in school districts where board of education members are selected at the General Election; and

WHEREAS, P.L. 2011, c. 202 (S-3148) requires that an additional general fund tax levy proposal (i.e., for an expenditure in excess of the tax levy cap) be presented to voters as a separate question at the General Election; and

WHEREAS, The Clinton Township Board of Education believes that the financial interest of its constituents is safeguarded by the state's tax levy cap and the thorough review of the proposed school budget by the Executive County Superintendent and the Executive County School Business Administrator; and

WHEREAS, The Clinton Township Board of Education believes that more citizens will participate in the selection of its members at the General Election than on the third Tuesday in April and that the higher level of participation will foster positive interest in our public schools; and

WHEREAS, The Clinton Township Board of Education is committed to the non-partisan status of school board membership and the non-partisan conduct of school elections, and believes this principle will not be compromised by conducting board member elections in November. Now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That, pursuant to P.L. 2011, c. 202 (S-3148), the Clinton Township Board of Education changes the annual election date for its members from the third Tuesday in April to the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November (the General Election), beginning in 2012; and be it further

RESOLVED, That, pursuant to P.L. 2011, c. 202 (S-3148), this change will remain in effect at least through November 2015;

RESOLVED, That, pursuant to P.L. 2011, c. 202 (S-3148), the annual organization meeting of the Clinton Township Board of Education will take place in the first week of January following the November General Election and that the board of education's next organization meeting will take place on January 2013; and be it further

RESOLVED, That, pursuant to P.L. 2011, c. 202 (S-3148), members of the Clinton Township Board of Education whose terms would have expired by May 1, 2012 will continue to serve in office until the January 2013 organization meeting; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this resolution be transmitted to Governor Christopher Christie, Lieutenant Governor/Secretary of State Kimberly M. Guadagno; Richard E. Constable, III, Acting Commissioner, Department of Community Affairs; Robert F. Giles, Director, Division of Elections, Department of State; Mary Melfi, Hunterdon County Clerk; the Hunterdon County Board of Elections; Christopher Cerf, Acting Commissioner of Education; the Division of Finance, New Jersey Department of Education; and Jeff Scott, Executive County Superintendent for Hunterdon County; and be it further

RESOLVED That a copy of this resolution be provided to the New Jersey School Boards Association.

ADJOURNMENT

Action 12-AJ-020:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby adjourns this meeting.