

**CLINTON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**MINUTES**

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

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Dincuff called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

**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:**

President Dincuff led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS – AGENDA ITEM ONLY**

The meeting was open to the public at 7:35 p.m.

Three members of the public expressed their feelings regarding the resolution to move the election to November. Two of the speakers were in favor of the resolution and one was opposed.

The public session was closed at 7:50 p.m.

**POLICY/CURRICULUM:**

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

Ms. Grant reported that the district prepared a survey for the community. Notice of the survey was included in a press release, a letter to parents and staff and a posting on NJ.com. A total of 264 respondents were recorded and 194 supported moving the election; 61 were opposed; and 9 were indifferent to the issue.

Prior to the vote, various board members expressed their support or opposition to the passage of the resolution.

**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 the Clinton Township Board of Education is committed to being very active in communicating the District's budget process and financial information to the members of the Clinton Township community, therefore the Clinton Township Board of Education will present the approved budget to the community and to organizations in the community,*

**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.*

*Motion by M. Cresti; seconded by M. Kaplan. On a roll call vote, the resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes 6; nays 3, (Freda, Maloy, Sullivan).*

**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, February 13, 2012 to discuss the process of 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 will not be taken upon return.*

*Motion by M. Freda, seconded by K. Maloy. The resolution was ADOPTED by the full membership of the Board at 8:23 pm.*

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Action 12-AJ-020:**

***BE IT RESOLVED*** that the Board of Education adjourns this meeting at 8:48 pm. Motion by M. Kaplan, seconded by M. Grant. On a roll call vote, the resolution was ADOPTED as follows: ayes, 9; nays, 0.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Anthony Del Sordi  
Interim Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Minutes Prepared: 2/15/12  
Minutes remain unofficial until Board of Education approval

Board of Education Approved:

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Frank "Jim" Dincuff Board President

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Date