

TOWN OF CLINTON BOARD OF EDUCATION

SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING MINUTES

March 4, 2009

Amanda DiRienz called the meeting together at 7:00 p.m. by announcing this meeting is held in compliance with the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law. The Town of Clinton Board of Education has given the public adequate notice by having the date, time, and place of the meeting published in the Hunterdon County Democrat and Hunterdon Review, and by having duly posted the same information in the Board Office, the school bulletin board, the faculty room, and the Town Hall.

ROLL CALL: Present: Amanda DiRienz, Cara Morris, John Romagna, and Deborah Broslawski
Robert Pyle arrived at 7:05 p.m.
Marie Kisch arrived at 7:25 p.m.

Also Present: John Alfieri, Superintendent;
Lisa Craft, Business Administrator/Board Secretary;
Richard Katz, Principal

SY 2009-2010 Budget Presentation

Lisa Craft - Explained revenue constraints for the 2009-2010 Budget.

John Alfieri - Reviewed the proposed cuts.
- Reviewed Rich Katz's wish list for included Budget items.
- Informed that placing Dear Parents on the Website will make funds available to restore one or two Clubs.

Deborah Broslawski – Commented that Enrichment restoration most concerning. Unique in that it is inclusive for all students. Library Aide for Librarian would allow Cathy Ahart do both enrichment and library.

Robert Pyle - Concern for community going to the CAP and stopping at \$300,000 in cuts.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kerri Speck - Current 6th Grade model with 3 Teachers. 2 Teacher model a step back.

Jeff Hedden - Fixed cost increases of Salary and Benefits

Joanne Berson - Cuts in Spanish not to affect transition to High School.

Karen Insel - Facility and Technology

- Cuts & Inclusion
- Title of Superintendent & Director of Special Services
- Question if we couldn't find less expensive option
- Explain RIF process in May or deemed hired
- Attrition to naturally happen rather than RIFs
- Ballot question vs teaching staff
- Concern that the cuts are those things that make CPS special
- Library Aide \$20,000 FT (Aide Guide)

Rich Garofalo - Make up of \$2 million non-salary and benefit costs: OT/PT, Facility, Transportation, Materials, and Lease

Janine Casey - 2nd to 3rd Grade will move in teachers

Karen Insel - Guidelines for class size

- Co-pay for Activities (\$25 per activity) Not a recommendation of Mr. Alfieri at this time.
- Booster Club responded in past to Athletic cuts

Kerri Speck - Importance of enrichment on touching students

- Find \$20,000 to restore Library Tech. position

Deb Broslawski – Chaperones, Field Trip fees/transportation

NEW BUSINESS

OLD BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 2008-2009: 175

APPROVE DISTRICT CALENDAR

Amanda DiRienz moved, seconded by Marie Kisch, to approve the SY 2009-2010 calendar and its immediate distribution to all constituencies. Motion approved with all "ayes".

RESOLUTION 2008-2009: 176

ADJOURNMENT

Amanda DiRienz moved, seconded by Marie Kisch, to adjourn the Board Meeting at 9:15 p.m. Motion carried unanimously with all "ayes".

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa J.Craft
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Amanda DiRienz, President