

TOWN OF CLINTON BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

December 17, 2008

Amanda DiRienz called the meeting together at 7:30 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, Robert Pyle

Also Present: John Alfieri, Superintendent;
Lisa Ayars, Business Administrator/Board Secretary;
Patricia Cooper

Absent: Marie Kisch, Deborah Broslawski and Richard Katz

COMMITTEE REPORTS:*CURRICULUM AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE*

No report.

FINANCE/FACILITY COMMITTEE

Report distributed and discussed.

POLICY & COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE

No Report.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Report distributed.

NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE

Executive Session report on Paraprofessional negotiations.

GENERAL INFORMATION: SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Enrollment and Monthly Data

B. Student Suspensions:

In-School Suspensions: 0

Out-of-School Suspensions: 0

C. School Nurse's Report

John Alfieri publically thanked Mrs. Bowlby for her recent handling of a case of whooping cough.

D. NJ QSAC Update (Components)

Instruction and Program: Curriculum is not aligned to the Core Content Standards.

Personnel: Performed very well.

Fiscal Management: Performed very well.

Operations: Performed very well.

Governance: Performed very well.

Facilities: Performed very well.

E. School Highlights

John complimented the community for extraordinary Holiday events.

F. Update on Goals/Objectives/Initiatives

1. John Alfieri commented on the continuation of website usage in communication.

G. Violence and Vandalism (EVVRS Data)

H. Fire Drill Report

RESOLUTION 2008-2009: 114**ACCEPT SCHOOL DATA REPORTS**

John Romagna moved, seconded by Cara Morris, to accept the monthly school data reports. Motion carried unanimously with all "ayes".

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

None

CLINTON TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION (CTA) UPDATES

Michele Graffis gave grade level report.

PUBLIC COMMENT**PERSONNEL REPORT****RESOLUTION 2008-2009: 115****APPROVE SUBSTITUTES**

Robert Pyle moved, seconded by John Romagna, to approve the following additions to the substitute teacher roster for SY 08-09: Linda Quartuccio & Amanda Welsh. Motion carried unanimously with all "ayes".

RESOLUTION 2008-2009: 116**APPOINT GIRLS SOFTBALL COACH**

Robert Pyle moved, seconded by John Romagna, to appoint Joyce Kucyn to the position of Girls' Softball Coach at the CTA rate of \$1,672 for the season. Motion carried unanimously with all "ayes".

RESOLUTION 2008-2009: 117**APPROVE TREASURER SALARY**

Robert Pyle moved, seconded by John Romagna, to approve Kathleen Olsen, Treasurer of School Monies for SY 08-09, at an annual salary of \$5,459 (4.5% increase). Motion carried unanimously with all "ayes".

RESOLUTION 2008-2009: 118**APPROVE CHILDCARE DIR. SALARY**

Robert Pyle moved, seconded by John Romagna, to approve Martha Orlando, Director of CPS Child Care, at an annual salary of \$32,618 (.93 FTE) for SY 08-09. Represents a 4.5% increase, contract changed from 1.0 FTE to .93 FTE at June 2008 BOE Meeting. Motion carried unanimously with all "ayes".

RESOLUTION 2008-2009: 119
DEVELOPMENT**APPROVE PROFESSIONAL**

Robert Pyle moved, seconded by John Romagna, to approve the Professional Development Travel as per the attachment. Motion carried unanimously with all "ayes".

CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION, ASSESSMENT, & TECHNOLOGY**RESOLUTION 2008-2009: 120****POSTPONE PRESCHOOL EXPANSION**

John Romagna moved, seconded by Cara Morris, to postpone the implementation of the preschool expansion to the 2010-2011 school year due to space constraints. During the 2009-2010 school year, we will be working with the Hunterdon County ESC, which is in the process of creating a program that accommodates Hunterdon County schools, while meeting state requirements for staffing, oversight, and training. Motion carried unanimously with all “ayes”.

RESOLUTION 2008-2009: 121 APPROVE INTEGRATED PRESCHOOL PLAN

John Romagna moved, seconded by Cara Morris, to approve the SY 09-10 CPS Integrated Pre-School Program 5-year Plan (sent electronically). Motion carried unanimously with all “ayes”.

POLICY

RESOLUTION 2008-2009: 122 APPROVE VENDOR RELATIONS POLICY

John Romagna moved, seconded by Cara Morris, to approve the second reading, and subsequent adoption of the Relations with Vendors Policy (3327). Motion carried unanimously with all “ayes”.

GENERAL INFORMATION: BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

RESOLUTION 2008-2009: 123 BOARD MINUTES

John Romagna moved, seconded by Cara Morris, to approve the Board of Education Meeting minutes from November 19, 2008 Regular and Executive Sessions. Motion carried unanimously with all “ayes”.

RESOLUTION 2008-2009: 124 SECRETARY AND TREASURER’S REPORTS

John Romagna moved, seconded by Cara Morris, to approve the Secretary’s and Treasurer’s reports as the cash receipts, cash expenditures, and cash balances of \$407,085.36 for October 2008, are in agreement and further approve that in compliance with NJAC 6:20-2.13E, that no major account or fund has been over-expended and that as of the date of their reports there are sufficient funds available to meet financial obligations for the remainder of the 2008-2009 school year. Motion carried unanimously with all “ayes”.

RESOLUTION 2008-2009: 125 BILL LIST

John Romagna moved, seconded by Cara Morris, to approve final payment of bills in the amounts specified below. Motion carried unanimously with all “ayes”.

Bill List

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|----|--------------------|---------------|
| 1. | General Account: | \$ 683,597.41 |
| 2. | Cafeteria Account: | \$ 7,810.36 |

RESOLUTION 2008-2009: 126**ACCOUNT BALANCES**

John Romagna moved, seconded by Cara Morris, to accept account balances as of October 2008 as specified below. Motion carried unanimously with all “ayes”.

Checking Account Balances for October, 2008:

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|----|---------------------|-------------|
| 1. | Student Activities: | \$43,606.45 |
| 2. | Cafeteria: | \$28,574.00 |
| 3. | Payroll Agency: | \$ 1,152.69 |
| 4. | Unemployment: | \$36,354.16 |

RESOLUTION 2008-2009: 127**TRANSFERS**

John Romagna moved, seconded by Cara Morris, to approve Transfers for the month of November and December in the amount of \$18,946.93. Motion carried unanimously with all “ayes”.

RESOLUTION 2008-2009: 128**APPROVE SPEC. ED. TUITION CONTRACT**

John Romagna moved, seconded by Robert Pyle, to approve a Special Education Tuition Contract with Califon to accept one student into the Preschool Disability Class beginning December 15, 2008 at the annual rate of \$18,000 prorated to \$11,348. Motion carried unanimously with all “ayes”.

RESOLUTION 2008-2009: 129**APPROVE BUDGET AMENDMENTS**

John Romagna moved, seconded by Robert Pyle, to amend the 08/09 budget for Surplus Revenues for the Preschool Program, and the following Expenditure Account:

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|----------------------------|----------|
| Account 11-000-291-270-000 | \$11,348 |
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Motion carried unanimously with all “ayes”.

**RESOLUTION 2008-2009: 130
DONATION****ACCEPT EXXON MOBIL**

Amanda DiRienz moved, seconded by Cara Morris, to approve the acceptance of a grant/donation from Exxon Mobil Inc., in the amount of \$2,000.00 to be used for the purchase

of teaching materials specifically for the instruction of Science in grades 5 & 6. Motion carried unanimously with all "ayes".

RESOLUTION 2008-2009: 131**APPROVE COPIER PURCHASE**

Amanda DiRienz moved, seconded by Robert Pyle, to approve the replacement of four copier machines and one year maintenance at the state contract price of \$63,906.00 from Ricoh USA to be funded by the technology equipment lease with TD Financial. Motion carried unanimously with all "ayes".

RESOLUTION 2008-2009: 132**PURCHASE TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT**

John Romagna moved, seconded by Robert Pyle, to approve the purchase of the following technology equipment funded by the lease proceeds.

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|----------------------------|-------------|
| 25 IMACs | \$27,672.02 |
| Barracuda Message Archiver | 6,145.00 |

Motion carried unanimously with all "ayes".

RESOLUTION 2008-2009: 133**APPROVE MATH SKIPPERS ROUTE**

Amanda DiRienz moved, seconded by John Romagna, to approve the Math Skipper Routes to both NHRHS and Voorhees for the 2008-2009 school year only at a cost of \$3,600 and \$3,000 respectively. The Voorhees route is a Jointure with the Glen Gardner Board of Education. The Board will, in future years, fund only a route to NHRHS. Motion carried unanimously with all "ayes".

RESOLUTION 2008-2009: 134**ACCEPT AUDIT REPORT**

John Romagna moved, seconded by Amanda DiRienz, to accept the audit report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008 with no recommendations or corrective action plan required. Motion carried unanimously with all "ayes".

RESOLUTION 2008-2009: 135**RESCIND ACES PARTICIPATION**

John Romagna moved, seconded by Cara Morris, to rescind participation in ACES for electricity purchasing only. Motion carried unanimously with all "ayes".

RESOLUTION 2008-2009: 136**APPROVE MIDDLESEX JOINTURE**

John Romagna moved, seconded by Cara Morris, to approve Middlesex Jointure award of Electricity Contract. Motion carried unanimously with all "ayes".

1. Memo from Superintendent regarding New Learning Stipends as per CTA Agreement.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Polling hours to be discussed further at the January Board Meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 2008-2009: 137

ACCEPT ACTION PLAN

John Romagna moved, seconded by Cara Morris, to accept Action Plan for BOE Goals 2008-2009 from BOE President. Motion carried unanimously with all "ayes".

RESOLUTION 2008-2009: 138

EXECUTIVE SESSION

John Romagna moved, seconded by Cara Morris, to enter into Executive Session at 9:10pm to discuss Personnel. Motion carried unanimously with all "ayes".

RESOLUTION 2008-2009: 139

ADJOURNMENT

John Romagna moved, seconded by Cara Morris, to adjourn the Board Meeting at 9:26 p.m. Motion carried unanimously with all "ayes".

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Ayars
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Amanda DiRienz, President