

TOWN OF CLINTON BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

September 24, 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, Marie Kisch, Cara Morris, John Romagna and Deborah Broslawski.

Absent: Robert Pyle

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:*CURRICULUM AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE*

- a. Lacrosse Team request discussed. Mark DiRienz and Maria Valenta, Treasurer of Booster Club, in support.
- b. Deborah Broslawski had a question regarding the new math enrichment program (E squared). Mrs. Sarmir's website was recommended for more information.

FINANCE/FACILITY COMMITTEE

A memo was distributed regarding the roof repair, replacement and financing.

POLICY COMMITTEE

Report distributed by Cara Morris.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Report distributed by Marie Kisch.

NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE

Paraprofessional Negotiations Discussion. Philip Stern to negotiate for the Board of Education.

GENERAL INFORMATION: SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

A. Enrollment and Monthly Data

B. Student Suspensions:

In-School Suspensions: 0

Out-of-School Suspensions: 0

C. Violence and Vandalism (EVVRS Data)

None

D. School Highlights

Denise Grimm and Sandy Adams presented the Three Year Literacy Plan.

E. Update on Goals/Objectives/Initiatives

F. NJ QSAC Update (Components)

Instruction and Program

Personnel

Fiscal Management

Operations

Governance

Facilities

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT:

RESOLUTION 2008-2009: 43

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT REQUESTS

John Romagna moved, seconded by Deborah Broslawski, to approve the attached report for professional development and travel related mileage in accordance with NJAC 18A: 11-12. Motion carried unanimously with all “ayes”.

CLINTON TEACHERS’ ASSOCIATION (CTA) UPDATES

Barbara Shaffer gave grade level report.

PUBLIC COMMENT

RESOLUTION 2008-2009: 44

APPOINT HUESTON

John Romagna moved, seconded by Cara Morris, to approve the appointment of Janine Hueston to the position of .5 Kindergarten Teacher/.5 BSI Teacher effective September 1, 2008, at the salary of \$44,270* (SY 07-08, BA, Step B, Year 3) pending CTA Negotiations. Motion carried unanimously with all "ayes".

**RESOLUTION 2008-2009: 45
TEACHER**

APPOINT FURHMAN .5

John Romagna moved, seconded by Cara Morris, to approve the appointment of Rachel Furhman to the position of .5 Resource Center Teacher effective September 1, 2008 at the salary of \$22,135* (.5 of SY 07-08, BA, Step B, Year 3) pending CTA Negotiations. Motion carried unanimously with all "ayes".

RESOLUTION 2008-2009: 46

APPOINT FURHMAN .5 AIDE

John Romagna moved, seconded by Cara Morris, to approve the appointment of Rachel Furhman to the position of .5 Instructional Aide effective September 1, 2008, at the salary of \$10,285* (.5 SY 07-08, Step 4) pending negotiations. Motion carried unanimously with all "ayes".

RESOLUTION 2008-2009: 47

APPOINT TRAPHAGEN

John Romagna moved, seconded by Cara Morris, to approve the appointment of Janet Traphagen to the position of 1.0 Instructional Aide effective September 1, 2008, at the salary of \$18,000* (SY 07-08, Step 1) pending negotiations. Total cost to be borne by the Frenchtown BOE. Motion carried unanimously with all "ayes".

**RESOLUTION 2008-2009: 48
AIDES**

APPOINT LUNCH

John Romagna moved, seconded by Cara Morris, to approve the appointments of Laurie Scanniello, Tiffany Meyers, Terry Earhart and Joan McDonough to serve as Lunch/Recess Aides at a 2008-2009 salary of \$10/hour for three (3) hours per diem. Motion carried unanimously with all "ayes".

RESOLUTION 2008-2009: 49

THORPE RESIGNATION

John Romagna moved, seconded by Cara Morris, to accept, with regret, the resignation of Christine Thorpe, Administrative Assistant for Special Services, effective October 14, 2008. Mrs. Thorpe is relocating to South Carolina. Motion carried unanimously with all “ayes”.

RESOLUTION 2008-2009: 50**APPROVE SUBSTITUTES**

John Romagna moved, seconded by Cara Morris, to approve the attached list of per diem substitutes as per Attachment 7. Motion carried unanimously with all “ayes”.

RESOLUTION 2008-2009: 51**APPROVE CO-CURRICULAR SALARIES**

John Romagna moved, seconded by Cara Morris, to approve the attached list of Co-Curricular Salaries (Non-Coaching) for 2008-2009. Motion carried unanimously with all “ayes”.

**RESOLUTION 2008-2009: 52
ASSIGNMENT****APPROVE COACHING**

John Romagna moved, seconded by Cara Morris, to approve the following coaching assignment: Richard Katz: Girl’s Basketball \$2,909.00* TBD. Motion carried unanimously with all “ayes”.

RESOLUTION 2008-2009: 53**APPROVE INSTRUCT. AIDE ADJUSTMENTS**

John Romagna moved, seconded by Deborah Broslawski, to approve the following adjustments to Instructional Aide Personnel:

- a. Patricia Weiss from .75 to 1.0 FTE: from \$14,754 to \$19,671.
- b. Linda Dean from .75 to 1.0 FTE: from \$15,689 to \$20,919.
- c. Heidi Singer from .75 to 1.0 FTE: from \$16,672 to \$22,229

Motion carried unanimously with all “ayes”.

RESOLUTION 2008-2009: 54**APPROVE INSTRUCTIONAL AIDE**

John Romagna moved, seconded by Deborah Broslawski, to approve Laurie Scanniello as an Instructional Aide for 1 hour per day at the hourly rate of \$14.29 per hour based on Step 1, \$18,000 per year to meet the emergent need of an IEP. Motion carried unanimously with all “ayes”.

NOTE: All figures above based upon 2007/2008 Paraprofessionals Guide.

RESOLUTION 2008-2009: 55**ADD SUBSTITUTES**

John Romagna moved, seconded by Deborah Broslawski, to add the following names for the SY 2008/2009 Substitute roster: Lisa Malloy Monks and Isabel Braddock. Motion carried unanimously with all "ayes".

CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION, ASSESSMENT, & TECHNOLOGY

RESOLUTION 2008-2009: 56 APPROVE SCHORR-CURRICULUM PROGRAM

Marie Kisch moved, seconded by Deborah Broslawski, to approve Carolyn Schorr to develop a Grades 7-8 Study Skills Curriculum/Program, totally aligned to NH-V curriculum to help students transition into High School grades. This project will not exceed 20 hours at the CTA curriculum rate. Motion carried unanimously with all "ayes".

RESOLUTION 2008-2009: 57 APPROVE LACROSSE CLUB

Marie Kisch moved, seconded by Deborah Broslawski, to approve the request to add a Lacrosse Club for the 5th-8th grade students. Motion carried unanimously with all "ayes".

POLICY

No Report

GENERAL INFORMATION: BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

RESOLUTION 2008-2009: 58 BOARD MINUTES

John Romagna moved, seconded by Cara Morris, to approve the Board of Education Meeting minutes from August 13, 2008 Regular and Executive Sessions. Motion carried unanimously with all "ayes".

RESOLUTION 2008-2009: 59 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 \$358,095.57 for July 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: 60 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

1.	General Account:	\$ 735,488.63
2.	Cafeteria Account:	\$ 1,012.07

RESOLUTION 2008-2009: 61**ACCOUNT BALANCES**

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

Checking Account Balances for July, 2008:

1.	Student Activities:	\$54,390.34
2.	Cafeteria:	\$21,370.02
3.	Payroll Agency:	\$ 796.80
4.	Unemployment:	\$36,379.45

RESOLUTION 2008-2009: 62**TRANSFERS**

John Romagna moved, seconded by Cara Morris, to approve transfers in the amount of \$292,071 for the month of August and September, 2008. Motion carried unanimously with all "ayes".

RESOLUTION 2008-2009: 63**APPROVE JOINT TRANSPORTATION**

John Romagna moved, seconded by Amanda DiRienz, to approve a joint transportation contract with host Glen Gardner for the 2008-2009 Transportation Route GG4 for an annual sum of \$891.74 to transport student #719 to Clinton Public School. Motion carried unanimously with all "ayes".

TABLED MATH SKIPPERS

NOTE: Transportation for Math Skippers program to Voorhees High School through HCESC for the 2008-2009 school year was tabled until the October 15, 2008 meeting.

**RESOLUTION 2008-2009: 64
PROPOSAL****APPROVE GIANFORCARO**

John Romagna moved, seconded by Amanda DiRienz, to approve the Architectural/Engineering proposal from Anthony Gianforcaro, AIA/PE at a fee of 8% of bid award and proceed with application to the state of New Jersey for replacement of the Roof over the school's Second

Floor in the summer of 2009. To participate in the Schools Facility Grant Program being offered to Regular School Districts under the Educational Facilities Construction and Financing Act.

Note: The program will fund our Roof Project at 40%, and will be considered a Tier I priority project within the three tiers that are established in the law. A referendum will not be necessary, although we will have to fund 60% of the project from our existing surplus and budgetary funds. This is new money that just became available in August by amendments signed by the Governor. Motion carried unanimously with all “ayes”.

RESOLUTION 2008-2009: 65**APPROVE SP. ED. CONTRACT**

John Romagna moved, seconded by Amanda DiRienz, to approve a Special Education Tuition Contract with Califon Board of Education to receive two students into the Preschool Disabled Class for the 2008/2009 school year at the rate of \$18,000 per student for a total new revenue stream of \$36,000. Motion carried unanimously with all “ayes”.

**RESOLUTION 2008-2009: 66
LYONS****AUTHORIZE MARY**

Amanda DiRienz moved, seconded by John Romagna, to authorize Mary Lyons of Capital Financial Advisors to proceed with bidding for Lease Purchasing financing of technology equipment with bid award to be recommended at the October 15, 2008 board meeting. Motion carried unanimously with all “ayes”.

CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Letter of gratitude from Dr. Kathleen Prystash, Superintendent of Schools in Califon in re: special services cooperative efforts.
- b. Approval Letter from Interim County Superintendent for the Special Education Medicaid Initiative.
- c. Letter from NJSBA that Cara Morris has satisfied the training mandate of the School Ethics Act.

*OLD BUSINESS**NEW BUSINESS***RESOLUTION 2008-2009: 67****ADJOURNMENT**

Amanda DiRienz moved, seconded by Cara Morris, to adjourn the Board Meeting at 10:10 p.m. Motion carried unanimously with all “ayes”.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Ayars
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Amanda DiRienz, President