

TOWN OF CLINTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
April 23, 2008

Amanda DiRienz called the meeting together at 7:45 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: John Romagna, Amanda DiRienz, Marie Kisch and Cara Morris
Robert Pyle arrived at 8:00 p.m.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

CURRICULUM AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

Richard Katz reported

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Amanda DiRienz reported.

POLICY COMMITTEE

No report

FACILITIES COMMITTEE

Amanda DiRienz reported

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Marie Kisch reported

NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE

No report

GENERAL INFORMATION: SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

John Alfieri announced his recommendation for Catherine Ahart’s transfer and he thanked the Community for their support of the Budget.

A. Enrollment and Monthly Data and Projected Enrollment for 2008-2009.

B. Student Suspensions:

In-School Suspensions: 1
 Out-of-School Suspensions: 1

C. School Nurse’s Report (for March 2008)

Student Visits	451	
Parent Contacts	125	
Number Excluded	50	
Referrals	20	
Medications Administered	201	
Mantoux Tests		0
Physicals	5	
Physicals reviewed	9	
Accident Reports	2	
Ambulance Calls	0	
Reports for CST	1	
Screenings for Speech Evaluation	0	
Vision Referrals	13	
Hearing Referrals	1	

D. NJ QSAC Update (Components):

Instruction and Program
 Personnel
 Fiscal Management
 Operations
 Governance

E. School Highlights

1. Introduction of Guests.

F. Update on Goals/Objectives/Initiatives

G. Violence and Vandalism: None

Robert Pyle arrived at 8:00 PM.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

- A. School Update on Goals/Objectives/Initiatives:
Safe Schools Grant and thank you to Talent Show Volunteers for raising \$3,200 for Mobil Tech Lab.
- B. Staff Development

RESOLUTION 2007-2008: 190 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT REQUESTS

John Romagna moved, seconded by Robert Pyle, to approve the attached requests for professional development and travel related mileage in accordance with NJAC 18A: 11-12. Motion carried unanimously with all "ayes".

- C. Fire Drill Report

RESOLUTION 2007-2008: 191 FIRE DRILL REPORT

Robert Pyle moved, seconded by John Romagna, to accept April 14, 15, and 17 (System Test) for School Year 2007-2008 as a Fire Drill Report. Motion carried unanimously with all "ayes".

CLINTON TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION (CTA) UPDATES

Laurie Ruch reported on grade level activities.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Karen Insel - Board of Education Meetings should not conflict with other school functions. Thank you for affecting change with the upcoming second grade class.
2. Rich Davanzo - Inquiry on the training of Special Education Staff and the Status of the roof.
3. Kerri Speck - Concern over the frequency of Spanish programs next year in the Middle School.

PERSONNEL REPORT**RESOLUTION 2007-2008: 192****AHART TRANSFER**

John Romagna moved, seconded by Robert Pyle, to approve the transfer of Catherine Ahart from Grade One Teacher to Library/Media Center Specialist effective July 1, 2008. The Board thanked Lauren Lebkuecher for work as maternity leave substitute. Motion carried unanimously with all “ayes” except Cara Morris abstained.

RESOLUTION 2007-2008: 193**SUMMER SCHOOL STAFF**

John Romagna moved, seconded by Robert Pyle, to approve the attached personnel recommendation for the 2008 Summer School Program s recommended by Doreen Bleck, Director. Motion carried unanimously with all “ayes”.

RESOLUTION 2007-2008: 194**ADDITIONAL SECOND GRADE SECTION**

John Romagna moved, seconded by Robert Pyle, to authorize the administration to add an additional section of second grade for SY 08-09 due to continuously increasing enrollment with the goal of reducing class size. Motion carried unanimously with all “ayes”.

CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION, ASSESSMENT, & TECHNOLOGY

No Report

POLICY

No Report

GENERAL INFORMATION: BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT**RESOLUTION 2007-2008: 195****BOARD MINUTES**

Amanda DiRienz moved, seconded by Robert Pyle, to approve the Board of Education Regular Meeting and Executive Session minutes from March 19, 2008 and the Executive Session minutes from April 10, 2008. Motion carried unanimously with all “ayes” except Cara Morris abstained.

RESOLUTION 2007-2008: 196 SECRETARY AND TREASURER’S REPORTS

Amanda DiRienz moved, seconded by Robert Pyle, to approve the Secretary’s and Treasurer’s reports as the cash receipts, cash expenditures, and cash balances of \$144,013.03 for February 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 2007-2008 school year. Motion carried unanimously with all “ayes”.

A. Bill List

1.	General Account:	\$ 677,775.93
2.	Cafeteria Account:	\$ 18,208.82

RESOLUTION 2007-2008: 197 BILL LIST

Amanda DiRienz moved, seconded by Robert Pyle, to approve final payment of bills in the above-specified amounts. Motion carried unanimously with all “ayes”.

B. Checking Account Balances for February, 2008:

1.	Student Activities:	\$38,515.30
2.	Cafeteria:	\$28,283.59
3.	Payroll Agency:	\$ 6,277.97
4.	Unemployment:	\$29,867.41

RESOLUTION 2007-2008: 198 ACCOUNT BALANCES

Amanda DiRienz moved , seconded by Robert Pyle , to accept above account balances as of February, 2008. Motion carried unanimously with all “ayes”.

C. Transfers

RESOLUTION 2007-2008: 199 TRANSFERS

Amanda DiRienz moved, seconded by Robert Pyle, to approve transfers in the amount of \$5,015.63 for the month of February, 2008. Motion carried unanimously with all “ayes”.

D. Certification of Taxes

RESOLUTION 2007-2008: 200

CERTIFICATION OF TAXES

John Romagna moved, seconded by Robert Pyle, to certify the 2008-2009 tax levy as follows:

General Fund: \$4,086,329.00

Debt Service: \$ 553,625.00

Motion carried unanimously with all “ayes”.

RESOLUTION 2007-2008: 201

SPECIAL ED. EXTENDED YEAR TUITION

Amanda DiRienz moved, seconded by Robert Pyle, to approve an extended year tuition contract for Summer 2008 for one special education student to attend the Midland School at the 30 day rate of \$6,562.50. Motion carried unanimously with all “ayes”.

E. No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Funds:

Title I Part A \$15,064

Title II Part A \$12,426

Title II Part D \$ 103

Title IV \$ 1,350

Title V \$ 636

RESOLUTION 2007-2008: 202

NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND FUNDS

Robert Pyle moved, seconded by John Romagna, to accept the funds for the 2008-2009 (FY08) NCLB Grant for the above specified Titles in the amount of \$29,579. Motion carried unanimously with all “ayes”.

RESOLUTION 2007-2008: 203

COOPERATIVE PRICING AGREEMENT

Robert Pyle moved, seconded by John Romagna, to enter into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement with the Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission, and to participate in the spring 2008 bidding for Electricity. Motion carried unanimously with all “ayes”.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

OLD BUSINESS

Board Self-Evaluation due to Diane Morris.

RESOLUTION 2007-2008: 204

ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

Amanda DiRienz moved, seconded by Robert Pyle, to enter into executive session at 8:40 p.m. to discuss: Staff Appointments, Non-renewal and Staff Transfers. Motion carried unanimously with all “ayes”.

RESOLUTION 2007-2008: 205

RE-ENTER REGULAR SESSION

John Romagna moved, seconded by Robert Pyle, to re-enter regular session at 9:30 p.m. Motion carried unanimously with all “ayes”.

RESOLUTION 2007-2008: 206

REAPPOINT NON-TENURED STAFF

John Romagna moved, seconded by Amanda DiRienz, to reappoint the non-tenured teachers whose names appear on Attachment #4. Motion carried unanimously with all “ayes” except Cara Morris abstained.

RESOLUTION 2007-2008: 207

NON-REAPPOINT NON-TENURED TEACHER

John Romagna moved, seconded by Amanda DiRienz, to non-reappoint the non-tenured teacher whose name appears on Attachment #5. Motion carried unanimously with all “ayes” except Cara Morris abstained.

RESOLUTION 2007-2008: 208**REAPPOINT TENURED STAFF**

John Romagna moved, seconded by Amanda DiRienz, to reappoint the tenured teachers whose names appear on Attachment #6. Motion carried unanimously with all “ayes” except Cara Morris abstained.

RESOLUTION 2007-2008: 209**MORRIS ATTEND CONFERENCE**

Amanda DiRienz moved, seconded by Marie Kisch, to approve Board Member, Cara Morris to attend Orientation Conference on May 14, 2008 at a cost of \$125. Motion carried unanimously with all “ayes”.

RESOLUTION 2007-2008: 210**LEBKEUCHER ACKNOWLEDGED**

Amanda DiRienz moved, seconded by Marie Kisch, to acknowledge Lauren Lebkeucher’s two years of Maternity Leave/ Long Term Substitute service. Motion carried unanimously with all “ayes”.

RESOLUTION 2007-2008: 211**ADJOURNMENT**

Robert Pyle moved, seconded by John Romagna, to adjourn the board meeting at 9:50 p.m. Motion carried unanimously with all “ayes”.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Ayars
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Amanda DiRienz, President