

## TOWN OF CLINTON BOARD OF EDUCATION

## REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 20, 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: Kathleen Kolln, John Romagna, Amanda DiRienz,  
David Pellicane, Marie Kisch, and Robert Pyle

Also Present: John Alfieri, Superintendent; Richard Katz, Principal;  
Lisa Ayars, Business Administrator/Board Secretary  
Philip Stern, Attorney; Scott Reilly, Kathy Savarese,  
Lauren Gallagher, and Tracy Palumbo

**COMMITTEE REPORTS***CURRICULUM AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE*

Robert Pyle reported.

*FINANCE COMMITTEE*

Meetings regarding Budget have been taking place.

*POLICY COMMITTEE*

No meeting

*FACILITIES COMMITTEE*

No Meeting

*PERSONNEL COMMITTEE*

Marie Kisch reported.

*NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE*

Ongoing

**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

Student Visits	521
Parent Contacts	168
Number Excluded	58
Referrals	26
Medications Administered	238
Mantoux Tests	0
Physicals	0
Physicals reviewed	0
Accident Reports	7
Ambulance Calls	0
Reports for CST	3
Screenings for Speech Evaluation	0
Vision Referrals	7
Hearing Referrals	1

## D. NJ QSAC Update (Components):

Instruction and Program  
 Personnel  
 Fiscal Management  
 Operations  
 Governance

## E. School Highlights

1. Introduction of Mr. Philip Stern, Esq., new BOE Attorney.
2. Introduction of our Presentation: *THE STATE OF THE STATE OF CPS TECHNOLOGY: WHERE WE ARE & WHERE WE ARE GOING*. Presenters: Mr. Scott Reilly, Mrs. Kathi Savarese, and Mrs. Lauren Gallagher.

## F. Update on Goals/Objectives/Initiatives

## G. Violence and Vandalism: None

**PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:**

A. School Update on Goals/Objectives/Initiatives

B. Staff Development

**RESOLUTION 2007-2008: 119                      PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT REQUESTS**

Marie Kisch 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: 120                      FIRE DRILL REPORT**

John Romagna moved, seconded by Robert Pyle, to accept February 13 and February 20 for School Year 2007-2008 as a Fire Drill Report. Motion carried unanimously with all “ayes”.

**CLINTON TEACHERS’ ASSOCIATION (CTA) UPDATE**

Tracy Palumbo reported on grade level activities.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

1. Introduced Dan Shea as Liason to Town Council
2. Mr. Bennett inquired on Technology Budgeting.

***PERSONNEL REPORT***

**RESOLUTION 2007-2008: 121                      DESAVINO HOME INSTRUCTION**

Marie Kisch moved, seconded by Katy Kolln, to approve Ann Marie DeSavino to provide home-based ABA Instructional Services, as per IEP, at the CTA rate of \$55 per hour, not to exceed six (6) hours per week for the SY 07/08. Motion carried unanimously with all “ayes”.

**RESOLUTION 2007-2008: 122**

**BLECK SUMMER SCHOOL DIRECTOR**

Marie Kisch moved, seconded by Katy Kolln, to approve the appointment of Doreen Bleck to the position of 2008 Summer School Director at the CTA Hourly Rate for Summer School Director (TBD with Negotiations) not to exceed 100 hours. Motion carried unanimously with all “ayes”.

**RESOLUTION 2007-2008: 123      MATERNITY LEAVE REPLACEMENT- S. HANEY**

Marie Kisch moved, seconded by Robert Pyle, to appoint Susan M. Haney to the position of Maternity Leave Replacement (for Tonya Lunger) from March 3, 2008 to June 20, 2008 at the per diem rate of \$226.85 (\$45,370/200 BA + 15 Step C). Motion carried with unanimously with all “ayes”.

**CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION, ASSESSMENT, & TECHNOLOGY**

No Report

**POLICY**

- A. Second Reading - #5530: SUBSTANCE ABUSE
- B. Second Reading - #5512.01: HARASSMENT, INTIMIDATION, AND BULLYING
- C. Second Reading - #8461: REPORTING VIOLENCE, VANDALISM, ALCOHOL, AND DRUG ABUSE
- D. Second Reading – R5330: ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION

**RESOLUTION 2007-2008: 124**

**POLICY READINGS**

Marie Kisch moved, seconded by Robert Pyle, to approve the aforementioned policies for adoption effective February 21, 2008. Motion carried unanimously with all “ayes”.

**GENERAL INFORMATION: BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT**

**RESOLUTION 2007-2008: 125**

**BOARD MINUTES**

John Romagna moved, seconded by Robert Pyle, to approve the Board of Education Meeting minutes from January 16, 2008. Motion carried unanimously with all “ayes”.

**RESOLUTION 2007-2008: 126**

**SECRETARY AND TREASURER’S REPORTS**

John Romagna moved, seconded by Robert Pyle, to approve the Secretary’s and Treasurer’s reports as the cash receipts, cash expenditures, and cash balances of \$652,954.17 for December

2007, 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:	\$1,077,389.00
2.	Cafeteria Account:	\$ 15,239.95

**RESOLUTION 2007-2008: 127**

**BILL LIST**

John Romagna 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 December, 2007:

1.	Student Activities:	\$40,331.45
2.	Cafeteria:	\$19,526.62
3.	Payroll Agency:	\$ 3,011.90
4.	Unemployment:	\$28,920.99

**RESOLUTION 2007-2008: 128**

**ACCOUNT BALANCES**

John Romagna moved , seconded by Robert Pyle , to accept above account balances as of December, 2007. Motion carried unanimously with all "ayes".

**RESOLUTION 2007-2008: 129**

**TRANSFERS**

John Romagna moved, seconded by Robert Pyle, to approve transfers for the month of November and December 2007 in the amount of \$74,313.36 total. Motion carried unanimously with all "ayes".

**RESOLUTION 2007-2008: 130**

**WAIVER APPROVALS**

John Romagna moved, seconded by Robert Pyle, to approve a request to the Commissioner of Education for the following 2008-2009 Commissioner Waivers: Motion carried unanimously with all "ayes".

Energy Cost Waiver - \$27,800

Other Waivers – PERS Pension to 100% BOE Contribution - \$9,698

**RESOLUTION 2007-2008: 131****TUITION RATES**

Katy Kolln moved, seconded by John Romagna, to approve 2008-2009 Tuition Rate for Glen Gardner Sending/Receiving Contract. Motion carried unanimously with all “ayes”.

## 2008-2009 Tuition Rates

Kindergarten	\$10,258
Grades 1-5	12,304
Grades 6-8	11,351
Preschool Disabilities	18,027
Autism (TALK)	23,416
Resource Room	
Hourly Rate	\$24.94 Per Hour

**RESOLUTION 2007-2008: 132****PRELIMINARY BUDGET APPROVAL**

John Romagna moved, seconded by David Pellicane, to approve the 2008-2009 preliminary school budget for submission to the County Department of Education for review and approval in preparation for the Public Hearing and Budget Adoption to take place on March 19, 2008. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote with all “ayes”.

General Fund	\$6,781,942
Special Revenue Fund	\$ 204,536
Debt Service Fund	\$ 554,833
Total Base Budget	\$7,541,311

And be it further resolved that the following amounts be raised from taxes:

General Fund	\$4,086,329
Debt Service Fund	\$ 553,575

**RESOLUTION 2007-2008: 133****BEST BUY GRANT**

Katy Kolln moved, seconded by Robert Pyle, to accept the Best Buy Teach Award Grant in the amount of \$2,000 for enhancement of educational technology. Motion carried with unanimously with all “ayes”.

**RESOLUTION 2007-2008: 134****REORGANIZATION OF ATTORNEY**

John Romagna moved, seconded by Robert Pyle, to retain the firm of Adams, Stern, Gutierrez & Lattiboudere, LLC to handle those legal matters previously handled by Sills, Cummis & Gross, and to authorize the transfer of all active Board files to the newly reorganized firm. Motion carried unanimously with all “ayes”.

### *CORRESPONDENCE*

1. Letter from Barbara Gantwerk to John Alfieri (January 30, 2008). Successful results of NJ DOE’s annual IDEA determination.

### *NEW BUSINESS*

No Report

### *OLD BUSINESS*

Marie Kisch and Robert Pyle reported on their attendance at the Accountability Act Training.

### **RESOLUTION 2007-2008: 135**

### **ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Marie Kisch moved, seconded by Katy Kolln, to enter into executive session at 9:15 p.m. to discuss Procedural Updates with Philip Stern and Negotiation updates. Motion carried unanimously with all “ayes”.

### **RESOLUTION 2007-2008: 136**

### **REENTER REGULAR SESSION**

Marie Kisch moved, seconded by Katy Kolln, to reenter into regular session at 10:40 p.m. Motion carried unanimously with all “ayes”.

### **RESOLUTION 2007-2008: 137**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Amanda DiRienz moved, seconded by David Pellicane, to adjourn the board meeting at 10:41 p.m. Motion carried unanimously with all “ayes”.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Ayars

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