

CLINTON-GLEN GARDNER BOARD OF EDUCATION
WORK SESSION MINUTES
January 19, 2011

Robert Pyle called the meeting together at 6:00 p.m. by announcing this meeting is held in compliance with the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law. The Clinton-Glen Gardner 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: Robert Pyle, Amanda DiRienz, Cara Morris, Patricia Cooper

Absent: John Romagna

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

The purpose of the Work Session Meeting is to discuss the agenda for the Regular Session of January 25, 2011. The following discussions took place regarding the action to be taken at the Regular Session which will be recorded in the Minutes of the January 25, 2011.

PUBLIC FORUM ON 2011/12 BUDGET:

- Dr. Katz provided an overview of the budget assumptions that were used to develop a preliminary 2011-12 budget. Reductions in the number of sections at grade levels with smaller enrollments was discussed. With regard to possible reductions in grade 7 for next year, it was noted that currently there are 28 students in Pre Algebra Math; the reduction could move to over 30 students but alternate options are being explored. Pay to Play for Athletics, and creating a Coed soccer team, and transportation for all sports provided only to the event. Parents would be responsible for transportation home. Music, co-curricular, library, literacy, spanish, technology and other smaller pieces of the program were also options for reductions. Priorities need to be discussed.
- Aide for 3rd grade possible if sections are reduced to two
- Discussion over scheduling of Math Classes
- Amanda DiRienz commented on 1st grade section priority
- Kindergarten round-up is currently underway
- Revenue generating sources discussed such as Summer Camps and programs
- Preschool program extended to 5 days for Non-classified students to be parent-paid
- Eliminating transportation home for sports saves \$4000
- Pay to Play discussed. Many activities occur within the school day and/or are service oriented and would not be included.
- Cara Morris commented that Pay to Play should include all activities, and low on priorities
- Amanda DiRienz commented that Pay to Play is low on the list

- Patricia Cooper agreed, especially with the generosity of parents involved and value of school spirit
- Robert Pyle commented on the risk of not fielding a team
- Foundation sponsored offerings were discussed
- Budget Calendar was discussed

Monthly School Data:

- Patricia Cooper asked for clarification on grade level totals on the Enrollment Data Report

Superintendent/Principal's Report

- Dr. Katz reported on Dr. Vernotica's non-renewal of contract
- February 10th meeting at Clinton Twp will be attended by Dr. Katz, Cara Morris, Robert Pyle and Patricia Cooper
- Dr. Katz will be attending the ASCD program in Washington this weekend. Meetings are scheduled with several senators.
- Clinton Police has had some reorganization with school assigned Officers
- Maria Valenta is the new representative for the Town Council

Assistant Principal's Report

- Christine Maines reported on the Geography Bee and Rutgers Bullying Program

Clinton Teacher's Association (CTA) Update

- Mrs. Berkman reported on Spanish activities, comparisons with Argentina's weather conditions. Exxon Mobil grant publicity. Mrs. Ahart reported on science kits integrated with the curriculum that will be available on loan from Library.

Personnel

- Dr. Katz reviewed the credentials and interview process for the Maternity Leave Replacement candidates. Meet and greet times will be scheduled. The long term rate of \$100 should probably be reviewed at Reorganization.

Business Administrator's Report

- Authorization to Bid Custodial & Maintenance Services: Lisa Craft explained the change in custodial positions and supervisor in the specifications

New Business

- William Colantano, CPA was present to review the audit and financial condition of the district.

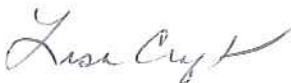
RESOLUTION 2010-2011: 107**ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Robert Pyle moved, seconded by Amanda DiRienz, to enter into Executive Session at 8:05 pm for the purpose of discussing Legal Residency Issues and Negotiations. Motion carried unanimously with all "ayes".

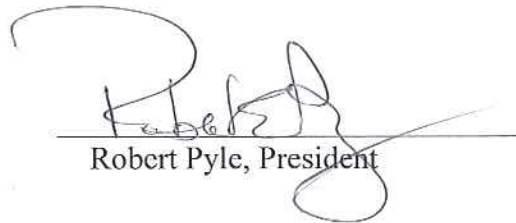
RESOLUTION 2010-2011: 108**ADJOURNMENT**

Amanda DiRienz moved, seconded by Patricia Cooper, to adjourn the Board Meeting at 8:20 p.m. Motion carried unanimously with all "ayes".

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa Craft
Business Administrator/Board Secretary


Robert Pyle, President