

CLINTON-GLEN GARDNER BOARD OF EDUCATION

BUDGET SESSION MINUTES

March 18, 2010

Robert Pyle 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 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: Amanda DiRienz, Cara Morris, Marie Kisch,
Robert Pyle, Deborah Broslawski and 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 March 22, 2010. The following discussions took place regarding the action to be taken at the Regular Session which will be recorded in the Minutes of the March 22, 2010.

Business Administrator's Report

- Review of the State Aid figures received yesterday for the 2010-11 budget, a reduction of \$404,181 or almost 30% of the combined Clinton and Glen Gardner aid. Clinton's allocation has been 100% eliminated.
- Repayment of the prior year tuition adjustment to the Glen Gardner Borough was reported. \$250,000 will be repaid over 5 years which corresponds with the phase in period to equalized values for tax calculations.
- The recommended method of repayment will be to adjust the final tax balance certified with the budget. Meeting with Glen Gardner Borough and District auditor to discuss how to handle the adjustment. Glen Gardner Borough is supportive of the five year phase in, and direct offset on the tax certification.
- The tax impact based on this method was provided. Clinton Town residents will see a preliminary increase of 4 cents or \$164 on a \$370,000 home; and Glen Gardner residents will see a preliminary increase of 3 cents or \$61 on a \$180,000 home.
- Aramark maintenance and snow removal reported.

New Business

- State Aid Allocations will be released following the Governor's Address on March 16, 2010. Information was reported in the Business Administrator's Report

Old Business

- Discussion of 2010-11 Budget. Richard Katz reviewed the final recommended budget cuts totaling \$594,666.

Public Comment

- Kelly Love expressed concern about elimination of special education teacher and larger class sizes for students. Question regarding Administrative pay raises.
- Lisa Morrison also concerned about Administrative salaries.
- Robert Pyle responded that contract negotiations and evaluations are separate from the budget.
- Rhonda Burach asked if Athletics, Co-Curricular and Strings are all off the table of cuts.
- Leigh Gronau commented that Voorhees taxes will go up much higher than CPS.
- Kelly Love asked what is being done to prepare for the future.
- Robert Pyle responded that things could be worse with a 2.5% CAP.
- Kelly Boyd inquired on the next teacher contract renewal, and the need to be more in line with the budget cap.
- Robert Pyle responded that the next negotiations will begin in January 2011.
- Meg Cox asked which Kindergarten section will be cut.
- Richard Katz responded that there will be two morning Kindergarten sessions.
- Beth Sosidka commented that a good job was done on the budget with limited impact on the students. Also, parental resources should be tapped to care for our school.

RESOLUTION 2009-2010: 232

ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

John Romagna moved, seconded by Amanda DiRienz, to enter into Executive Session at 8:45 pm for the purpose of discussing Personnel. Motion carried unanimously with all “ayes”.

RESOLUTION 2009-2010: 233

ADJOURNMENT

John Romagna moved, seconded by Amanda DiRienz, to adjourn the Board Meeting at 10:30 p.m. Motion carried unanimously with all “ayes”.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Craft
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Robert Pyle, President