

CLINTON-GLEN GARDNER BOARD OF EDUCATION

BUDGET SESSION MINUTES

March 10, 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 and John Romagna
Deb Broslawski arrived at 7:40 pm

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

The purpose of the Special Budget Session Meeting is to discuss the 2010/11 tentative school budget.

Superintendent/Principal's Report:

- Richard Katz opened the meeting by reviewing the process followed over the past few months, and provide updated versions of 10% and 15% State Aid loss cuts that are being considered.
 - December –Draft with educational initiatives in the budget with flat State Aid and a 4% cap.
 - January- Draft with a 5-10% cut in State Aid, CAP 2-4%, no vote possibility.
 - February 17th -Public Forum program impact reviewed. Draft with a 15% cut in State aid, and \$547,000 line item cuts needed.
 - February 22nd -Media Specialist is a priority to restore. \$529,000 revised cuts needed.
 - March 3rd -Foundations placement generates \$26,000 of additional revenue and
 - March 10th -Retirement generates \$92,000 savings.
 - Currently \$347,000 to \$411,000 in cuts are proposed at 10% and 15% loss in State Aid respectively.
- Deborah Broslawski commented on reconsideration of cuts in textbook and materials instead of restoring Child Study Team reductions. Strings program data was requested. Mr. Katz reported that a Strings cut is not a recommendation at this time. A .1 cut in the position would save \$5,000.
- Work Session Meeting Date will be changed from March 17th to March 18th in order to allow additional time for Rich and Lisa to review State Aid information.

- Marie Kisch commented that cuts were carefully crafted to minimize the impact on students.

Public Comment:

- Molly Naughton commented on K-5 Social Studies \$25,000 texts, and Pepsi Grant opportunity.
- Kelly Love inquired about grants that are secured for alternate sources of funding.
- Kelly Boyd inquired about the Special Education student to staff ratio.
- Kelly Boyd commented that Spanish K-12 is not of value in the early years vs the value of textbooks and materials. Robert Pyle commented that diversity in schools is wide and varied. There is something for everyone. Spanish program has had passionate concerns over possible cuts.
- Dave Kelly commented on Athletic and Activity fees.
- Tom DiGiovanni commented that he recently heard that it is against the law to charge for athletics. John Romagna responded that he is against fees.
- Molly Naughton commented that contributions can be made to the Booster Club if willing to support fees.
- Kelly Love stated that a fine job was done by the BOE and Administration this year in spite of the State.
- Tom DiGiovanni personally on “What Is a Core Teacher”, Grant opportunities, and Unemployment and tax caps and increases.

RESOLUTION 2009-2010: 230**ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Amanda DiRienz moved, seconded by Deborah Broslawski, to enter into Executive Session at 8:40 pm for the purpose of discussing Personnel. Motion carried unanimously with all “ayes”.

RESOLUTION 2009-2010: 231**ADJOURNMENT**

Amanda DiRienz moved, seconded by John Romagna to adjourn the Board Meeting at 8:45 p.m. Motion carried unanimously with all “ayes”.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Craft
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Robert Pyle, President