

TOWN OF CLINTON BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

July 8, 2009

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 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: Amanda DiRienz, Cara Morris, Robert Pyle,
John Romagna, Marie Kisch, and Deborah Broslawski

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:*CURRICULUM AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE*

No report.

FINANCE/FACILITY COMMITTEE

John Romagna and Lisa Craft explained the Finance/Personnel Software options.

POLICY & COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Cara Morris announced Strauss Esmay presentation scheduled for July 16th. The Committee will finalize the Publicity Form at their July 31st meeting.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Amanda DiRienz provided report.

NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE

No Report.

ADMINISTRATIVE TRANSITION COMMITTEE

No Report

GENERAL INFORMATION: INTERIM 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
- D. School Highlights
- E. Update on Goals/Objectives/Initiatives
- F. Violence and Vandalism (EVVRS Data)
- G. Fire Drill Report

RESOLUTION 2009-2010: 1

ACCEPT SCHOOL DATA REPORTS

Robert Pyle moved, seconded by Marie Kisch, to accept the monthly school data reports. Motion carried unanimously with all “ayes”.

- Richard Katz discussed:
1. Revised Academic Assistance program.
 2. Summer Curriculum
 3. I&RS additional stipends to be requested
 4. Part-time Spanish Teacher position posted.
 5. Literacy Committee work is continuing.
 6. Playground repairs.
 7. Met with Christine Schaumburg and Bob Cutter

CLINTON TEACHERS’ ASSOCIATION (CTA) UPDATE

No update

GLEN GARDNER BOARD OF EDUCATION UPDATE

No update

PERSONNEL REPORT

RESOLUTION 2009-2010: 2

APPOINT HOEY

Robert Pyle moved, seconded by Marie Kisch, to approve the appointment of Tara Hoey to the position of Instructional Aide, Grade 3, at an annual salary of \$20,438 (Step 3) effective September 1, 2009. Motion carried unanimously with all “ayes”.

RESOLUTION 2009-2010: 3

APPOINT KELLY

Robert Pyle moved, seconded by Marie Kisch, to approve the appointment of Laurel Kelly to the position of Instructional Aide, Library/Media Center, at an annual salary of \$21,378 (Step 5) effective September 1, 2009. Motion carried unanimously with all “ayes”.

RESOLUTION 2009-2010: 4

RESCIND KOTOPOULIS STIPEND

Amanda DiRienz moved, seconded by Marie Kisch, to rescind the stipend appointment of Danielle Kotopoulos for the Assistant Director of the Grade 3 Play. This was an error on the personnel report of June 17, 2009. Motion carried unanimously with all “ayes”.

RESOLUTION 2009-2010: 5

APPOINT SMITH

Amanda DiRienz moved, seconded by Marie Kisch, to approve the appointment of Barbara Smith to the position of Assistant Director, Grade 3 Musical for SY 09-10. Motion carried unanimously with all “ayes”.

RESOLUTION 2009-2010: 6

APPOINT VIOTTO

Amanda DiRienz moved, seconded by Marie Kisch, to approve the appointment of Stacy Viotto to the position of Science Club for SY 09-10. Motion carried unanimously with all “ayes”.

RESOLUTION 2009-2010: 7

APPOINT BIDWELL

Amanda DiRienz moved, seconded by Marie Kisch, to approve the appointment of Timothy Bidwell to the position of Peer-to-Peer co-leader for SY 09-10. Motion carried unanimously with all “ayes”.

RESOLUTION 2009-2010: 8

ADJUST STUDENT COUNCIL STIPEND

Amanda DiRienz moved, seconded by Marie Kisch, to adjust the SY 09-10 stipend for Grades

7-8 Student Council from 100% H. McGavisk to D. Kotopoulos (50%) and H. McGavisk (50%). Motion carried unanimously with all "ayes".

RESOLUTION 2009-2010: 9**ADJUST BLICKENDERFER TIME**

Amanda DiRienz moved, seconded by Marie Kisch, to approve the adjustment of time for Margaret Blickenderfer from .4 FTE back to .5 FTE for the Strings Program. SY 09-10 salary increases from \$18,897 to \$23,621. Motion carried unanimously with all "ayes".

RESOLUTION 2009-2010: 10**ADJUST SARMIR**

Amanda DiRienz moved, seconded by Marie Kisch, to approve the adjustment for Deborah Sarmir, effective September 2009 from MA, Step K (Y of E = 16) @ \$65,437 to MA+15, Step K (Y of E = 16) @ \$65,902. Motion carried unanimously with all "ayes".

RESOLUTION 2009-2010: 11**APPROVE DOMINKO-RICHARDS PRACTICUM**

Amanda DiRienz moved, seconded by Marie Kisch, to approve the field placement assignment for Melanie Dominko-Richards, Seton Hall University, for a 72-hour practicum with Ann Marie DeSavino, Fall 2009. Motion carried unanimously with all "ayes".

RESOLUTION 2009-2010: 12**APPOINT PROCOPIO**

Amanda DiRienz moved, seconded by Marie Kisch, to approve the appointment of Beverly Procopio as an Instructional Aide for the Foundations Program (replacing Jackie Cordero) at an annual salary of \$19,562 (Step 2) for SY 09-10. Motion carried unanimously with all "ayes".

RESOLUTION 2009-2010: 13**APPROVE CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT**

John Romagna moved, seconded by Amanda DiRienz, to approve the following teachers per the CTA agreement at an hourly rate of \$35 for the purposes of curriculum development. Motion carried unanimously with all "ayes".

Physical Education/Health (not to exceed 20 hours each) – Tim Bidwell, Mary Bulger
Technology (not to exceed 15 hours each) – Kathi Savarese, Lauren Gallagher
Enrichment/G&T (not to exceed 25 hours each) – Denise Grimm, Cathy Ahart,
Deb Sarmir

Revised Academic Assistance (not to exceed 15 hour each) – Denise Grimm,
Jessica Latanzio Crespo

RESOLUTION 2009-2010: 14 APPROVE STATE CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT

John Romagna moved, seconded by Amanda DiRienz, to approve the following teachers per the CTA agreement at an hourly rate of \$35, not to exceed 10 hours each, for the purposes of attending State curriculum development training sessions and for leading our revisions in their assigned content area. Motion carried unanimously with all "ayes".

CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION, ASSESSMENT, & TECHNOLOGY**RESOLUTION 2009-2010: 20****STAFF DEVELOPMENT**

Marie Kisch moved, seconded by Cara Morris, 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”.

RESOLUTION 2009-2010: 21**APPROVE SOCIAL STUDIES TEXTBOOKS**

Marie Kisch moved, seconded by Cara Morris, to approve the adoption of social studies textbooks, all published by Glencoe/McGraw-Hill as follows:

- Grade 5 – Exploring Our World
- Grade 6 – Journey Across Time
- Grade 7 – The American Journey: The Early Years
- Grade 8 – The American Journey: Modern Times

Motion carried unanimously with all “ayes”.

POLICY

1. Second reading of Policy #2460 Special Education – IDEA Assurance. Note: All mandated language required to be accepted by all NJ districts.

RESOLUTION 2009-2010: 22**APPROVE SPECIAL ED****POLICY**

Marie Kisch moved, seconded by Cara Morris, to approve the immediate implementation of Policy #2460 Special Education – IDEA Assurance. Motion carried unanimously with all “ayes”.

GENERAL INFORMATION: BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT**RESOLUTION 2009-2010: 23****BOARD MINUTES**

John Romagna moved, seconded by Marie Kisch, to approve the Board of Education Meeting minutes from June 17, 2009 Regular and Executive Sessions. Motion carried unanimously with all “ayes”.

RESOLUTION 2009-2010: 24 SECRETARY AND TREASURER'S REPORTS

John Romagna moved, seconded by Marie Kisch, to approve the Secretary's and Treasurer's reports as the cash receipts, cash expenditures, and cash balances of \$34,302.23 for May 2009, 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 2008-2009 school year. Motion carried unanimously with all "ayes".

RESOLUTION 2009-2010: 25 BILL LIST

John Romagna moved, seconded by Marie Kisch, to approve final payment of bills in the amounts specified below. Motion carried unanimously with all "ayes".

Bill List

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| 1. | General Account: | \$ 449,181.55 |
| 2. | Cafeteria Account: | \$ 16,056.91 |

RESOLUTION 2009-2010: 26 ACCOUNT BALANCES

John Romagna moved, seconded by Marie Kisch, to accept account balances as of May 2009 as specified below. Motion carried unanimously with all "ayes".

Checking Account Balances for May 2009:

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| 1. | Student Activities: | \$51,441.18 |
| 2. | Cafeteria: | \$18,417.74 |
| 3. | Payroll Agency: | \$ 4,760.75 |
| 4. | Unemployment: | \$10,820.54 |

RESOLUTION 2009-2010: 27 TRANSFERS

John Romagna moved, seconded by Marie Kisch, to approve final year end transfers in the amount of \$16,925.52. Motion carried unanimously with all "ayes".

RESOLUTION 2009-2010: 28 AUTHORIZE SOFTWARE PURCHASE

Marie Kisch moved, seconded by John Romagna, to authorize the purchase of Financial and Personnel Software in the maximum amount of \$30,000. Motion carried unanimously with all “ayes”.

RESOLUTION 2009-2010: 29**REVISE BUDGET AMENDMENT**

Marie Kisch moved, seconded by John Romagna, to revise the June budget amendment for revised notice of extraordinary aid reducing revenue for 08/09 in the amount of \$4,938, and offsetting increase to Tuition. Motion carried unanimously with all “ayes”.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter dated 6/30/09 addressed to Patty Cooper, Glen Gardner Board President with enclosed plan submitted to eliminate non-operating school districts.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Molly Naughton commented on Library Aide, Aramark Legal Fees and State distractions.
2. Krista Keyhall commented on Glen Gardner Representation.
3. Bruce Michelsen commented on financial impact of Glen Gardner elimination.
4. Maria Valenta commented on Town Councilman

*NEW BUSINESS**OLD BUSINESS*

1. Administrative Structure for SY 09-10 and beyond

Robert Pyle opened the discussion considering that whatever is decided should be temporary. Possibly hire an Interim Principal and not risk change.

Amanda DiRienz questioned what would have happened if Dr. Alfieri had resigned as of September 1st.

Marie Kisch commented on the phase in timeline of December 31st.

John Romagna commented on Interim CSA and Interim Assistant Principal.

Job Descriptions were discussed

2. Community Survey

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Rob Nappa questioned Superintendent in a one school building.

2. Molly Naughton commented about an Interim Director of Curriculum to maintain stability in the district.
3. Holly Leon requested parents be involved in the search.

RESOLUTION 2009-2010: 30

ADJOURNMENT

John Romagna moved, seconded by Amanda DiRienz, to adjourn the Board Meeting at 9:20pm. Motion carried unanimously with all "ayes".

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Craft
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Robert Pyle, President