

**CLINTON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

AGENDA

Work Session - April 6, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. *Revised

Virtual Access



CALL TO ORDER: _____ called the meeting to order at _____ p.m.

PUBLICATION OF NOTICE:

In accordance with the provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, Laws of 1975, adequate notice of this meeting was provided through public notice on January 8, 2020.

- a. Sent to three newspapers designated by the Board – Hunterdon County Democrat, Hunterdon Review and Express Times.
- b. Posting on the District Website

2019/2020 DISTRICT GOALS:

- 1. To implement and integrate Social-Emotional Learning programs in grades Pre-K to eight by June of 2020.
- 2. To assess our current special services programs and services to identify strengths and needs and to create an action plan based on the results of the assessment.
- 3. To implement facilities upgrades and programming for safety and security in all buildings district wide to ensure the safety and security of students and staff.
- 4. To establish greater transparency and build trust by identifying and implementing strategies including expansion of the utility of our website, possible 2-way communication on the site, and branding of our district.

ROLL CALL:

	<i>Present</i>	<i>Absent</i>	<i>Time of arrival after the meeting has been called to order.</i>
Ms. Lana Brennan			
Dr. Laura Brasher			
Ms. Mary Beth Brooks			
Ms. Catherine Mary Emery			
Ms. Maria Grant			
Dr. Alison Grantham			
Mr. Scott Hornick			
Mrs. Jennifer Kaltenbach			
Dr. Catherine Riihimaki			

Present: *District Administrators:*
 _____ Dr. Michele Cone, Superintendent of Schools
 _____ Kelly Morris, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Also Present: _____ David Hesse, Esq., Board Attorney

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: _____ led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PROCESS GUARDIAN: _____ was appointed Process Guardian.

BOARD PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS/REPORT:

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

April 9, 2020 - Teacher PD Day

FIRST RECOGNITION OF THE PUBLIC:

PLEASE RESPECT THE 3-MINUTE SPEAKING RULE, AS PER BOARD OF EDUCATION BYLAW #0166R, SO THAT THE BUSINESS OF THE BOARD MAY PROCEED IN A TIMELY MANNER.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/BOARD SECRETARY:

1. Opposition to N.J. Bill A-3902 to delay tax payments to schools - resolution from NJSBA
2. Joanne Hinkle to present on Curriculum/Instruction and Technology lines
3. Alexa Ingram to present on Special Education Budget lines
4. Review of Budget Booklet / Board Q&A

Item 20-BA-028:

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 3902, currently pending in the State Legislature, would authorize the Department of Community Affairs to permit municipalities to delay the quarterly transmission of property tax revenues to school districts during gubernatorial-declared emergencies; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey's public schools are highly dependent on property tax revenue to support education programs; and

WHEREAS, on average, local property taxes constitute close to 60% of public school revenue, with the percentage even greater in a significant number of districts; and

WHEREAS, a delay in payments from municipalities would result in a financial crisis for school districts, seriously disrupting the educational process—and bringing it to a halt; and

WHEREAS, although public school buildings are closed during the current health emergency, the education of our students is taking place through remote learning and home instruction; and

WHEREAS, continued timely transmission of school property taxes is critical for the education process to continue without interruption; and

WHEREAS, even though municipalities are designated as the authorities to collect property taxes, these taxes are levied for specific purposes—e.g., municipal, school, county, fire district—and these obligations must continue to be met; and

WHEREAS, as currently written, A-3902, which is intended to ease a financial burden on municipalities, would place a severe strain on school districts and the students and families that they serve; and

WHEREAS, the Clinton Township Board of Education recognizes the impact of the current public health emergency on the state and local governments, as well as local school districts, but believes this legislation would worsen the situation for our communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Clinton Township Board of Education urges the State Senate and the Governor to oppose A-3902; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution be delivered to Governor Phil Murphy, State Senate President Stephen M. Sweeney, Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin; and the local Legislative District representatives in the state Senate and General Assembly; and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to the New Jersey School Boards Association.

Board of Education Roll Call Vote

	Dr. <u>Brasher</u>	Ms. <u>Brooks</u>	Ms. <u>Emery</u>	Ms. <u>Grant</u>	Dr. <u>Grantham</u>	Mr. <u>Hornick</u>	Ms. <u>Kaltenbach</u>	Dr. <u>Riihimaki</u>	Ms. <u>Brennan</u>
Motion									
Aye									
Nay									
Abstain									
Absent									

Item 20-BA-030:

Board Meeting minutes:

- March 9, 2020 - Work Session
- March 16, 2020 - Regular Business Meeting

Next Meeting Dates:

- April 27, 2020 - Public Hearing for 2020-2021 Budget Adoption
- May 4, 2020 - Work Session
- May 11, 2020 - Regular Meeting

FACILITIES/FINANCE:

FF-A

SID #1712408145 to attend ECLC Extended School Year beginning July 6, 2020 until July 31, 2020 at a tuition rate of \$6,202.20.

FF-B

Dr. Theodore Petti to administer a Psychiatric assessment for SID #**3173452750** during the 2019-2020 school year for a fee of \$950.00.

FF-C

SID #18291912759 to attend Limitless Extended School Year beginning July 8, 2020 until August 7, 2020 at a tuition rate of \$5,645.00.

FF-D

Rutgers University Behavioral Health Care to provide Home Instruction to SID #**9962518998** beginning March 12, 2020 until April 30, 2020 at an hourly rate of \$28.62, not to exceed 10 hours per week.

FF-E

SID #**2244583968** to attend Midland School 2020 Extended School Year beginning July 6, 2020 until August 14, 2020 at a tuition rate of \$11,355.30.

FF-F

Limitless to provide a Teaching Assistant to SID #**18291912759** during Extended School Year beginning July 8, 2020 until August 7, 2020 at a rate of \$2,300.00.

FF-G

ECLC to provide a Teaching Assistant to SID #**1712408145** during the Extended School Year beginning July 6, 2020 until July 31, 2020 at a tuition rate of \$3,100.00.

FF-H

Annual parent-paid Preschool tuition rate of \$4,000.00 for students received by the Clinton Township School District for the 2020-2021 school year.

FF-I

Amend prior motion FF-116, approved on February 24, 2020, to reflect that Kristin McRae will attend the Wilson Reading System Introductory Training in Conshohocken, PA on September 22-24, 2020 instead of March 17-19, 2020.

FF-J

Approve the reimbursement of an amount not to exceed \$50.00 for each teaching staff or instructional staff member for subscription purchases to address remote learning opportunities for district students during the 2019-2020 COVID-19 closure. Resources must be approved by Special Projects prior to purchase, and receipts must be submitted no later than June 19, 2020, to be eligible for reimbursement.

20-FF-142

Motion to approve a Settlement Agreement and Release in Full ("Agreement") between the Clinton Township Board of Education and former Employee No. 45178894; to authorize the Board President to execute said Agreement on its behalf; and to authorize the Superintendent of Schools to take all such actions required to effectuate its terms, including but not limited to directing the School Business Administrator to make and deliver all payments required under the Agreement once the Agreement is effective and enforceable by its terms.

Board of Education Roll Call Vote

	Dr. <u>Brasher</u>	Ms. <u>Brooks</u>	Ms. <u>Emery</u>	Ms. <u>Grant</u>	Dr. <u>Grantham</u>	Mr. <u>Hornick</u>	Ms. <u>Kaltenbach</u>	Dr. <u>Riihimaki</u>	Ms. <u>Brennan</u>
Motion									
Aye									
Nay									
Abstain									
Absent									

PERSONNEL:

P-A

Amend prior motion 20-P-197 dated February 24, 2020 to an FMLA return date on or about April 20, 2020 for Employee #498884489.

P-B

Amend prior motion 20-P-218 dated March 16, 2020 for Employee #58996729 FMLA paid leave to May 11, 2020 through May 26, 2020.

P-C

Amend prior motion 20-P-181 dated February 24, 2020 to an FMLA return date on or about April 9, 2020 for Employee #49894116.

P-D

Amend prior motion 20-P-220 dated March 16, 2020 to cancel the FMLA dates for Employee #49933575.

P-E

Amend prior motion 20-P-221 dated March 16, 2020 to an NJFLA return date on or about March 30, 2020 for Employee #49854078.

P-F

Approve intermittent unpaid leave as needed for **Employee #49793060**.

P-G

Approve intermittent FMLA leave of absence as needed for **Employee #51872059**.

POLICY:

Items: NONE

CURRICULUM:

CUR-A

The following curricula for the 2019-2020 school year to align with the current state standards:

- World Language, Grades K-8

NEGOTIATIONS-CTAA/CTEA:

Lana Brennan, Catherine Riihimaki, Alison Grantham, Laura Brasher

CTAA - update
CTEA - update

Ad-hoc Committee for Superintendent Search:

Laura Brasher, Lana Brennan, Catherine Riihimaki, Jennifer Kaltenbach

NJSBA (Gwen Thorton)

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

SECOND RECOGNITION OF THE PUBLIC:

PLEASE RESPECT THE 3-MINUTE SPEAKING RULE AS PER BOARD OF EDUCATION BYLAW #0166R, SO THAT THE BUSINESS OF THE BOARD MAY PROCEED IN A TIMELY MANNER.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

WHEREAS, while the Sen. Byron M. Baer Open Public Meetings Act (N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq.) requires all meetings of the Clinton Township Board of Education to be held in public, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b) sets forth nine (9) types of matters that may lawfully be discussed in "Executive Session," i.e. without the public being permitted to attend, and

WHEREAS, the Clinton Township Board of Education has determined that the following issues are permitted by N.J.S.A. 10: 4-12(b) to be discussed without the public in attendance and shall be discussed during an Executive Session.

WHEREAS, the nature of the matter(s) to be discussed, reviewed, or heard before the Board, detailed as specifically as possible without undermining the need for confidentiality pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:37-13.2 et seq., shall include CTEA and CTAA Collective Bargaining Negotiations, Personnel, and Legal Matters.

WHEREAS, the length of the Executive Session is estimated to be 90 minutes, after which the meeting shall reconvene and proceed with business wherein action may be taken.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Clinton Township Board of Education will go into Executive Session for the above stated reasons;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board hereby declares that its discussion of the aforementioned subject will be made public at such time as the reason for confidentiality no longer exists.

Motion made by _____, seconded by _____, to move to Executive Session at _____ (time).

(_____ Ayes; _____ Nays; _____ Abstain; _____ Absent)

RECONVENE TO PUBLIC SESSION:

Motion made by _____, seconded by _____, to move to Executive Session at _____ (time).

(_____ Ayes; _____ Nays; _____ Abstain; _____ Absent)

ADJOURNMENT:

Action 20-AJ-014:

Motion made by _____, seconded by _____, to adjourn the meeting of the Clinton Township Board of Education at _____ (time).

(_____ Ayes; _____ Nays; _____ Abstain; _____ Absent)