

**CLINTON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Regular Meeting - February 22, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.
Virtual Access**



CALL TO ORDER: Ms. Brennan called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

PUBLICATION OF NOTICE:

Ms. Brennan read the following:

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, 2021.

- a. Notice was sent to two newspapers designated by the Board: Express Times and Hunterdon Review.
- b. Notice was posted on the District Website, the main bulletin board in the Administration Offices and in each Clinton Township School.
- c. Notice was sent to the municipal clerk of Clinton Township.

PUBLIC COMMENT PROCESS:

During the public comment portions of the meeting, any member of the public wishing to comment may press the “raise hand” icon on Zoom video. This can be found by clicking the Participants button at the bottom of the Zoom window, then the Blue Hand at the bottom of the Participant window. If anyone has called into the meeting by phone, the last 4 digits of their phone number will be stated, and they will have the opportunity to unmute themselves to address the board. Until recognized, the members of the public will be kept muted.

ROLL CALL:

Board Member	Present	Absent	Time of arrival after meeting called to order:
Dr. Laura Brasher	X		
Ms. Stacie-Ann Creighton	X		
Ms. Catherine Mary Emery	X		
Dr. Alison Grantham	X		
Mr. Scott Hornick	X		
Ms. Jennifer Kaltenbach	X		
Ms. Alyssa Oliver	X		
Dr. Catherine Riihimaki	X		
Ms. Lana Brennan	X		

Also present were the following administrators:

Dr. Ruberto, Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Kramer, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

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

PROCESS GUARDIAN: Dr. Riihimaki was appointed Process Guardian.

PRESENTATIONS: None

BOARD PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS/REPORT:

- Proud of district for adapting
- Black History Month acknowledgement
- School Counselor Appreciation Week acknowledgement
- Update on send/receive agreement with Lebanon Borough
 - Commissioner approved Lebanon Borough's request to terminate
 - 21/22 - 8th grade students will attend CTSD
 - 21/22 - 7th grade students will attend Clinton/Glen Gardner
 - After transition year, send/receive agreement will terminate
- Acknowledgement of Interim Superintendent and School Business Administrator
- Next meeting will create ad-hoc committee for superintendent search
- Steps to increase in-seat learning in accordance with CDC guidelines
- Please respect district administration and staff with any concerns

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

- Tabling Action 21-CUR-062 calendar
 - Want to discuss more to align with North-Hunterdon calendar
- Acknowledgement
 - Entire District
- SSDS Report (Reporting Period 9/1/2020-12/31/2020)
- Mid-Year Budget Review
- Budget Process 2021-2022 in final stages
 - Anticipate getting state funding on 2/25/2021
 - Goals:
 - Emotional Well-Being
 - Academics
 - Technology
 - Facilities
- In-person graduation is being planned
- District Advisory Committee
 - Inclement weather day decisions
 - Weekly Covid data shared
 - Student data is being monitored
 - Students are not falling behind
 - District has tried to be transparent

- Staff with medical accommodations are teaching remotely
- No programs have been cancelled
- District Advisory Committee provides input
- Sports teams in our league do not appear to be participating in games

FIRST RECOGNITION OF THE PUBLIC:

- Ms. Fletcher, 32 Summit Court, Annandale, thanked teachers, board members and administration for their work and is pleased with the district’s pandemic response.
- Mr. Vincenti, 10 Woodstock Lane, Annandale, questioned how members of the public were invited to join the District Advisory Committee. He also noted several districts are going back full-time, and questioned why we are not. He also questioned why an empty school building is not being used. The committee was formed in July and accepted parents that expressed interest. We are following the recommendation of 6-foot protocol. Dr. Ruberto responded that we do not have the staff to fully utilize Spruce Run School. Ms. Brennan clarified that Spruce Run does have preschool and some other classes.
- Ms. Damanakis, 56 Haytown Road, Lebanon, questioned the calendar’s language. Dr. Ruberto clarified that the motion is tabled.
- Mr. Cimino, 11 Crystal Drive, Lebanon, questioned how parents were invited to the advisory committee.
- Ms. Cefalo, 6 Gleneagles Drive, Lebanon, questioned how the advisory committee has changed, what accommodations have been made, and what the constant is. Dr. Ruberto explained that plexiglass is used to provide services in close contact as required. The constants we hold onto are the recommendations from the CDC.
- Ms. Hill, district staff member and CTEA President, agrees that staff want to return to their classrooms and help students grow, but that we must uphold safety standards and science-based recommendations.
- Mr. Jentsch, 19 Southgate Drive, Annandale, questioned what numbers we are tracking and where we are relative to CDC guidelines. Dr. Ruberto explained that the color phases are based on the statistical CALI score, based on the number of cases. The guidance to maintain the 6-foot protocol comes from the county health office and district physician.
- Ms. Cefalo, 6 Gleneagles Drive, Lebanon, questioned how our district’s conversations with county health are different than other districts.
- The 30-minute time limit for the first public comment section has been reached.

Ms. Brennan requested a motion and a second on the following resolutions, 21-SU-021 through 21-SU-023.

Action Item 21-SU-021

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accepts the enrollment and suspension reports presented by Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Johanna Ruberto.

Building	Enrollment As of 1/31/21	January 2021 Suspensions
SRS	41	0
PMG	324	0
RVS	382	0
CTMS	453	0
District Total	1,200	0

Action Item 21-SU-022

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby affirms the first reading of the Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Johanna Ruberto’s, recommendation for disciplinary consequences and/or remedial actions as required by the State of New Jersey under the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights for the following reports:

Building	Number of Alleged Incidents	Number of Verified Incidents	HIB Tracking Number
SRS	0	0	N/A
PMG	0	0	N/A
RVS	0	0	N/A
CTMS	1	0	220565

Action Item 21-SU-023

Motion to accept the Student Safety Data System (SSDS) report for the reporting period 9/1/2020 through 12/31/2020.

Board of Education Roll Call Vote on Action Items 21-SU-021 through 21-SU-023

	<u>Dr. Brasher</u>	<u>Ms. Creighton</u>	<u>Ms. Emery</u>	<u>Dr. Grantham</u>	<u>Mr. Hornick</u>	<u>Ms. Kaltenbach</u>	<u>Ms. Oliver</u>	<u>Dr. Riihimaki</u>	<u>Ms. Brennan</u>
Motion					Motioned	2nd			
Aye	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Nay									
Abstain									
Absent									

9 Yes Votes - Motion Carries

BOARD ACTION ITEMS:

Mr. Kramer reported on behalf of the board in support of the following resolution.

Ms. Brennan requested a motion and a second on the following resolution, 21-BA-51.

21-BA-051 APPROVE MEETING MINUTES FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2021

Action Item 21-BA-051

APPROVE MEETING MINUTES FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2021

Motion to approve the following list of board meeting minutes:

- January 25, 2021 - Regular Meeting
- January 25, 2021 - Executive Session Meeting

Board of Education Roll Call Vote on Action Item 21-BA-051

	<u>Dr. Brasher</u>	<u>Ms. Creighton</u>	<u>Ms. Emery</u>	<u>Dr. Grantham</u>	<u>Mr. Hornick</u>	<u>Ms. Kaltenbach</u>	<u>Ms. Oliver</u>	<u>Dr. Riihimaki</u>	<u>Ms. Brennan</u>
Motion		Motioned				2nd			
Aye	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Nay									
Abstain									
Absent									

9 Yes Votes - Motion Carries

FACILITIES/FINANCE:

Dr. Grantham - Chair; Dr. Brasher, Ms. Brennan

Dr. Grantham reported on behalf of the Facilities & Finance committee in support of the following resolutions. The Facilities & Finance committee met on February 18th and discussed the following resolutions, budget goals, current district needs, current status of the draft budget, termination of the Lebanon Borough send/receive agreement, and concerns about the 2% tax levy cap considering our the district needs related to facilities, maintenance, additional staffing related to new housing developments, and insurance increases. Five of the six audit findings discussed last month will have been implemented by February 28th, with the last one by June 30th. This year’s spending freeze may assist with the shortfall projected for next year’s budget.

Ms. Brennan requested a motion and a second on the following resolutions, 21-FF-033 through 21-FF-038.

- 21-FF-033 APPROVAL OF BILL LISTS**
- 21-FF-034 ACCEPTANCE OF THE MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS**
- 21-FF-035 APPROVAL OF TRANSFERS**
- 21-FF-036 APPROVAL OF CTSA AGREEMENT WITH WARREN COUNTY SPECIAL SERVICES**
- 21-FF-037 AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE WATER SOFTENERS**
- 21-FF-038 AUTHORIZATION TO TERMINATE THE WALK SMART SCHOOL GRANT**

Action Item 21-FF-033

APPROVAL OF BILL LISTS

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 18A:19, Expenditure of Funds; Audit and Payment of Claims, provides Boards of Education to make payments on claims for goods received and services rendered payable to the order of the person entitled to receive the amount after approval by the board; or in accordance with payrolls duly certified; or debt service or when provided by resolution approval by a person designated by the board; and

WHEREAS, a list of bills dating January 26, 2021 through February 22, 2021 is being presented to the board with the recommendation that it be ratified and paid,

WHEREAS, each claim or demand has been fully itemized, verified and audited as required by law in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:19-2.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Clinton Township Board of Education approves the list of bills for payment in the grand sum of \$2,579,948.90; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the list of bills are on file in the Office of the School Business Administrator, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clinton Township Board of Education authorizes the School Business Administrator to pay bills if it is determined that a need arises prior to the next board meeting in accordance with Board Policy #6470 – Payment of Claims.

General Account	\$2,547,556.63
Food Service Account	\$32,392.27
TOTAL	\$2,579,948.90

Action Item 21-FF-034

ACCEPTANCE OF THE MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10 requires the Board Secretary and the Clinton Township Board of Education to certify that no budgetary line item account has been over-expended and that the sufficient funds are available to meet the District's financial obligation, and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C.6A:23A-16.10 further requires the Clinton Township Board of Education receive and accept the monthly financial statement, the Board Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports; and

WHEREAS, the Board Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports for the month ending December 31, 2020 are presented for the Board to accept and are on file in the Office of the School Business Administrator;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Clinton Township Board of Education acknowledges receipt of and accepts the Board Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports for the month ending December 31, 2020; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board Secretary and Clinton Township Board of Education certify that no budgetary line item account has been over-expended and that there are sufficient funds available to meet the District's financial obligation.

Action Item 21-FF-035

APPROVAL OF TRANSFERS

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C.6A:23A-16.10-(c)1 states that a report shall be presented to the Board showing all transfers between line item accounts for each line item account shown on the budget prepared in accordance with N.J.S.A.18A:22-8; and

WHEREAS, Board Policy #6422 designates the Superintendent of Schools to approve transfers as necessary between meetings of the Board and be reported to the Board, ratified and duly recorded in the minutes at a subsequent Board meeting; and

WHEREAS, transfers in the reports “Transfers Before/After” for the month were necessary to maintain the needs of the district and are on file in the Office of the School Business Administrator,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Clinton Township Board of Education ratifies and approves the transfers in the reports “Transfers Before/After” for fiscal year 2020-2021 through December 31, 2020, approved by the Superintendent, so that no budgetary line item account has been over-expended and that sufficient funds would be available to meet the district’s financial obligations, as requested by various district administrators.

Action Item 21-FF-036

APPROVAL OF CTSA AGREEMENT WITH WARREN COUNTY SPECIAL SERVICES

Motion to approve the Coordinated Transportation Services Agency Agreement with Warren County Special Services School District for the 2021-2022 school year, with a 4% administrative fee.

Action Item 21-FF-037

AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE WATER SOFTENERS

WHEREAS, Title 18A:18A-11 provides that boards of education of two or more districts may provide jointly by agreement for the provision and performance of goods and services for their respective districts, or one or more boards of education may provide for such provision or performance of goods or services by joint agreement with the governing body of any municipality or county;

WHEREAS, there is a need in the district to install water softeners into the district buildings to alleviate the problems being caused by the hard water within the district, and

WHEREAS, water softeners will be installed in two of the four buildings within the district, Clinton Township Middle School and the Patrick McGaheeran school;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Clinton Township Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, authorizes the procurement with Robert Griggs Plumbing & Heating, LLC located at 6 Tally Ho Trail, Hillsborough, NJ of two Chandler Systems model CSD75-127-BB2 at the Clinton Township Middle School and model CSD75-126-BB2 at Patrick McGaheeran water softener systems and the installation thereof through the Hunterdon County Educational Service Commission contract #SER-20C in the amount of \$86,450.

Action Item 21-FF-038

AUTHORIZATION TO TERMINATE THE WALK SMART SCHOOL GRANT

WHEREAS, several years ago, the board accepted a grant, Walk Smart School Grant, which has been dormant for multiple years in the amount of \$17,795.39; and

WHEREAS, these funds may have been expended through the general fund and may have never been reimbursed to the district by the Walk Smart School Grant;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Clinton Township Board of Education authorizes the termination of the continuous rolling forward of the Walk Smart School Grant in the amount of \$17,795.39 and reimbursed the general fund for expenditures that may have been charged to the general fund on behalf of the Walk Smart School Grant several years ago.

Board of Education Roll Call Vote on Action Items 21-FF-033 through 21-FF-038

	<u>Dr. Brasher</u>	<u>Ms. Creighton</u>	<u>Ms. Emery</u>	<u>Dr. Grantham</u>	<u>Mr. Hornick</u>	<u>Ms. Kaltenbach</u>	<u>Ms. Oliver</u>	<u>Dr. Riihimaki</u>	<u>Ms. Brennan</u>
Motion					2nd			Motioned	
Aye	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Nay									
Abstain									
Absent									

9 Yes Votes - Motion Carries

PERSONNEL:

Mr. Hornick - Chair; Ms. Creighton, Ms. Emery

Mr. Hornick reported on behalf of the Personnel committee in support of the following resolutions. The Personnel committee met on February 17th and discussed the following resolutions as well as we are ahead of schedule with staff evaluations.

Ms. Brennan requested a motion and a second on the following resolutions, 21-P-109 through 21-P-112.

Action Item 21-P-109

Motion to accept the notice of retirement, with regret, for the following employee(s):

Name	Position	Years of Service	Effective Date	PCR#
Elizabeth Saccente	Secretary	16	9/30/2021	0000072

Action Item 21-P-110

Motion to offer employment for the 2020-2021 school year to the following:

Code	Name	Position	Guide	FTE	Effective Date	Annual Salary (Based on 1.0 FTE)	Tenure Date	PCR#
110.A	Spagnuolo, Nicole	Leave Replacement Teacher	BA, Step C	1.0	2/1/2021 - 4/27/2021	\$59,392.00 (to be prorated)	N/A	0000238
110.B	Fisher, Robert	Translator	N/A	N/A	2/23/2021	\$32.00 per hour	N/A	0000288
110.C	Colon, Jennifer	Leave Replacement Art Teacher	MA, Step IJK	1.0	3/23/2021 - 5/14/2021	\$66,542.00 (to be prorated)	N/A	0000117

Action 21-P-111:

Motion to approve the following CTMS certificated staff, to serve as chaperones for the 2020-2021 school year at the rate of \$27.83 per hour, not to exceed 3 hours per event, as per the negotiated agreement.

Abrams, Sonya	Di Giovanni, Michelle	Kiefer, Robin	Rozembersky, Robin
Bendorf, Tarra	DiGioia, Kelly	Kinkead, Jean	Rudolph, Kevin
Birken, Bonnie	Domenic, Mary Anna	Knapp, Kristina	Saccente, Elizabeth
Butler, Carolyn	Flanigan, Dianne	Kocot, John	Schaefer, Steve
Cantagallo, Tara	Fulse, Kathleen	Lin, Fran	Shanklin, Jeff
Carew, Tracy	Gagliano, Buffy	Mastroianni, Rose	Shearer, Amy
Chipman, Courtney	Gallo, Kelly	Materna, Terry	Smith, Amanda
Chynoweth, Marlene	Gitto, JoAnne	Mitariten, Joy	Snyder, Justine
Collins, Kathy	Gizis, Dawn	Mueller, Kerry	Stanwick, Paula
Comerford, Jessica	Greco, Dean	Niebuhr, Lauren	Stryker, Harmony
Comly, Tricia	Gugliandolo, Cindy	O'Connor, Caitlin	Tarriff, Rich
Cormican, Diane	Helmstetter, Donald	Parsh, Sherri	Tavarez, Susan
Cozin, Ben	Hill, Chelsea	Pisani, Barb	Welch, Lauren
Damanakis, Sonia	Jacobs, Alysse	Prall, Kristen	Wendel, Chrissie
Dandeo, Amy	James, Greg	Roberto, Charles	Zaleski, Katherine
Daniello, Dottie	Junge, Mary	Rogers, Michelle	

Action Item 21-P-112

Motion to approve movement across the salary guide for the following certificated staff effective February 1, 2021:

Name	From	To
Bartram, Lisanne	BA+15	BA+30
Black, Eileen	MA	MA in F
Gallo, Kelly	MA	MA in F
Giordano, Christina	MA in F	MA in F+15
Guidi, MaryBeth	BA	BA+15

Harbison, Kerri	MA	MA in F+15
Roberto, Charles	BA+15	BA+30/MA
Wade, Jessica	AA	BA

Board of Education Roll Call Vote on Action Items 21-P-109 through 21-P-112

	<u>Dr. Brasher</u>	<u>Ms. Creighton</u>	<u>Ms. Emery</u>	<u>Dr. Grantham</u>	<u>Mr. Hornick</u>	<u>Ms. Kaltenbach</u>	<u>Ms. Oliver</u>	<u>Dr. Riihimaki</u>	<u>Ms. Brennan</u>
Motion		2nd		Motioned					
Aye	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Nay									
Abstain									
Absent									

9 Yes Votes - Motion Carries

POLICY:

Ms. Kaltenbach - Chair; Dr. Brasher, Ms. Oliver

Ms. Kaltenbach reported on behalf of the Policy committee. The Policy Committee met on February 17th and discussed the following resolution as well as working towards updating the dress code, with the next step being input from stakeholders. Ms. Oliver thanked the Policy Committee and the Board for their commitment.

Ms. Brennan requested a motion and a second on the following resolution, 21-PR-016.

Action Item 21-PR-016

WHEREAS, New Jersey school districts are required by New Jersey statutes, administrative codes, and New Jersey Department of Education mandates to develop and adopt policies and regulations regarding school district operations; and

WHEREAS, the Clinton Township Board of Education and administrative staff, working with Strauss Esmay Associates, L.L.P, have updated policies and regulations; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Clinton Township Board of Education approves the first reading of the following policies and regulations at this Board Meeting on February 22, 2021:

- Policy 2430 - Co-Curricular Activities/Extra-Curricular Activities (M)
- Policy 2431 - Athletic Competition (M)
- Regulation 2431.1 - Emergency Procedures for Sports and Other Athletic Activity (M)
- Policy 2464 - Gifted and Talented Students (M)
- Policy 5330.05 - Seizure Action Plan (M) (New)
- Regulation 5330.05 - Seizure Action Plan (M) (New)
- Policy 6422 - Budget Transfers (M)

- Policy 8420 - Emergency and Crisis Situations (M)

FURTHERMORE BE IT RESOLVED, these policies and regulations shall be presented to the Board for adoption after a second reading at the March 15, 2021 Board Meeting.

Board of Education Roll Call Vote on Action Item 21-PR-016

	Dr. <u>Brasher</u>	Ms. <u>Creighton</u>	Ms. <u>Emery</u>	Dr. <u>Grantham</u>	Mr. <u>Hornick</u>	Ms. <u>Kaltenbach</u>	Ms. <u>Oliver</u>	Dr. <u>Riihimaki</u>	Ms. <u>Brennan</u>
Motion			2nd				Motioned		
Aye	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Nay									
Abstain									
Absent									

9 Yes Votes - Motion Carries

CURRICULUM:

Dr. Riihimaki - Chair; Mr. Hornick, Ms. Kaltenbach

Dr. Riihimaki reported on behalf of the Curriculum committee in support of the following resolutions. The Curriculum Committee met on February 18th and discussed the following resolutions. The committee is tabling the district calendar resolution until mid-March. The resolution regarding nonpublic funding is standard and the money is just being passed through the local district. The committee reviewed the formative assessment data from the fall and winter, and the students are meeting grade level expectations in line with previous years.

Ms. Brennan requested a motion and a second on the following resolutions, 21-CUR-059 through 21-CUR-061 and 21-CUR-063 through 21-CUR-064, with 21-CUR-062 being tabled.

Action Item 21-CUR-059

Motion to approve the following professional services:

Provider	Service	SID	Time	Cost Not to Exceed
Summit Speech School	Itinerant Teacher Services	7441377817	Two (2) sessions per week, March - June 2021	\$165.00 per hour, total not to exceed \$5,280.00
Hunterdon Medical Center	Neuro-developmental Assessment	7003126340	2020-2021	\$955.00

Action Item 21-CUR-060

Motion to approve SID #3173452750 to attend Cornerstone Day School beginning February 8, 2021 to June 25, 2021 at the prorated tuition rate of \$36,436.40.

Action Item 21-CUR-061

Motion to approve the following travel expenditures:

Employee/School	Program Title/Location	Date(s)	Cost	Mileage	Lodging/Meals
Krupnik, Laura SRS	Supporting Young Children with Developmental Delays and Challenging Behaviors Virtual PD	4/19/2021	\$279.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

Action Item 21-CUR-062 - TABLED

Motion to approve the district calendar for the 2021-2022 school year.

Action Item 21-CUR-063

Motion to approve the dates for the 2021 Clinton Township Extended School Year, to be held Monday through Thursday from June 28, 2021 to July 29, 2021.

Action Item 21-CUR-064

Motion to approve the following Nonpublic Security Initiative purchases for Immaculate Conception School for the 2020/2021 school year:

Vendor	Amount
Signal Electric	\$8,193.12
CDW-G	\$10,331.65
Sonitrol Security Systems	\$7,303.85
Guardian Fence Company	\$9,187.00
Hogan Security Group	\$300.00

**Board of Education Roll Call Vote on Action Items
21-CUR-059 through 21-CUR-061 and 21-CUR-063 through 21-CUR-064**

	<u>Dr. Brasher</u>	<u>Ms. Creighton</u>	<u>Ms. Emery</u>	<u>Dr. Grantham</u>	<u>Mr. Hornick</u>	<u>Ms. Kaltenbach</u>	<u>Ms. Oliver</u>	<u>Dr. Riihimaki</u>	<u>Ms. Brennan</u>
Motion						Motioned		2nd	
Aye	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Nay									
Abstain									
Absent									

**9 Yes Votes - Motion Carries
21-CUR-062 is tabled**

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- Ms. Kaltenbach commended the PTA for the author they brought in.
- Dr. Riihimaki thanked the PTA for their pizza night, scavenger hunt and other activities they have been offering.
- Ms. Brennan mentioned that the Hunterdon County School Board will be meeting on Thursday.
- Ms. Kaltenbach mentioned that the Hunterdon County ESC Board will be meeting on March 2nd.

- Dr. Ruberto thanked the PTA for the scavenger hunt and their upcoming virtual bingo.

SECOND RECOGNITION OF THE PUBLIC:

- Ms. Milewski, 9 Bennington Road, Annandale, questioned the phased approach to the schedule revision and the comment about the cohorts not being mixed because some students are attending four days a week.
- Ms. MacLaren-Hall, 5 Willowbrook Lane, Annandale, questioned how to meet their social growth and development needs that usually happen in the classroom.
- Ms. Lorcheim, 2 Montaine Place, Lebanon, questioned how contact tracing will change with the CDC guidelines that vaccinated individuals no longer need to quarantine
- Ms. Fletcher, 31 Summit Court, Annandale, expressed the importance of spending more time on subjects such as black history, the holocaust and groups of under-represented people throughout the whole school year as opposed to being limited to one month.
- Ms. Brumbaugh, 109 Petticoat Lane, Annandale, requested that administration review new needs in student IEPs due to Covid.
- Mr. Jentsch, 19 Southgate Drive, Annandale, questioned what political influences besides CDC guidelines are being considered and reiterated that the schools need to be opened.
- Ms. Zamrok, 20 Treeline Drive, Annandale, attended the advisory committee meeting and was able to give input, wants the schools to open with prudent measures, and questioned why we still follow some orange guidance instead of yellow.
- Ms. Marks, 5 Cottonwood Court, Clinton, is thankful that the Superintendent and board responds to questions from the public, and noted that other districts that are opening have much lower enrollment than Clinton Township and that some district families are not being cautious with Covid risks.
- Ms. Garner, 13 Stacey Drive, Annandale, questioned what the science says about the districts that reopened five days a week.
- Ms. McKay, 7 North Star Drive, Annandale, discussed the CDC guidelines in place for safety, and questioned the mention of a change in teachers depending on enrollment.
- Ms. Hill, staff member and CTEA President, clarified that the staff take Covid seriously and some have been personally affected.
- Ms. Perez-McFadden, district staff member, thanked the board for accepting public comments and answering questions, and explained that all staff are doing their best to help student growth, including social and emotional learning.
- Alice Lopes, 11 Prescott Circle, Lebanon, submitted a written comment inquiring about students returning to full-time in-person instruction.
- Rachel Varela, 23 Cedar Grove Road, Annandale, submitted a written comment expressing concern with the push to return to in-person instruction before it is safe.
- Dr. Ruberto clarified that the teams in our league are not playing sports games and that the students who attend four days a week are not mixing cohorts, but are in smaller classes. Dr. Ruberto reminded the public that the district buildings had ventilation and mold problems that had to be addressed before we could open, resulting in a spending freeze. Dr. Ruberto rejected the notion that there are politics and alliances compromising the decision-making. Safety is the most important factor.

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 potential litigation.

WHEREAS, the length of the executive session is expected to be approximately 15 minutes, after which the meeting shall reconvene and proceed with business wherein 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.

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion to approve the above executive session resolution for the board moving into closed session to discuss potential litigation, wherein the length of time for the executive session is expected to be approximately 15 minutes, and upon returning, action may be taken.

Action 21-AJ-026:

Motion made by Mr. Hornick, seconded by Dr. Grantham, to move the meeting of the Clinton Township Board of Education into executive session at 9:44 p.m.

By Consensus - 9 Ayes

RECONVENE TO PUBLIC SESSION:

Action 21-AJ-027:

Motion made by Dr. Brasher, seconded by Dr. Grantham, to move the meeting of the Clinton Township Board of Education out of executive session at 10:00 p.m.

By Consensus - 9 Ayes

ADJOURNMENT:

Action 21-AJ-028:

Motion made by Dr. Grantham, seconded by Ms. Kaltenbach to adjourn the meeting of the Clinton Township Board of Education at 10:00 p.m.

By Consensus - 9 Ayes

NEXT MEETING DATES:

March 15, 2021	September 27, 2021
April 26, 2021	October 25, 2021
May 10, 2021	November 22, 2021
June 28, 2021	December 20, 2021
July 26, 2021	January 5, 2022 (Organization Meeting)
August 23, 2021	

Respectfully submitted,



Mark Kramer
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Board of Education Approved: 3/15/2021