

**CLINTON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES
Special Board Meeting August 20, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.
Clinton Township Middle School Auditorium**



CALL TO ORDER: Ms. Grant called the meeting to order at 6:41 pm.

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 August 13, 2019.

- a. Faxing to three newspapers designated by the Board – Hunterdon County Democrat, Hunterdon Review and Express Times.
- b. Posting on the District Website, the main bulletin board in the Administration Offices and in each Clinton Township School.
- c. Faxing to the Clerk of Clinton Township.

ROLL CALL:

	Present	Absent	Time of Arrival after meeting has been called to order
Ms. Maria Grant	X		
Ms. Lana Brennan	X		
Ms. Mary Beth Brooks	X		
Ms. Catherine Mary Emery	X		
Dr. Alison Grantham	X		
Mr. Kevin Maloy	X		
Ms. Alissa Olawski	X		
Dr. Catherine Riihimaki	X		

Present: *District Administrators:*
 X Dr. Michele Cone, Superintendent of Schools
 Michael Falkowski, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Also Present: X Richard Bausch Esq., Board Attorney

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

PROCESS GUARDIAN: Mr. Malloy was appointed Process Guardian.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS/REPORT:

Ms. Grant welcomed all the Board candidates, and thanked them for coming, explained the process of the election. Existing Board Members gave a brief introduction of themselves.

Action 20-P-062:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves **Joanne Hinkle**, as Acting Board Secretary for the Clinton Township School District in the absence of the Business Administrator.

(Ms. Grant Moved; Mr. Maloy Seconded; 8 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abstain; 0 Absent)

Interview of Board Candidates

Candidates introduced themselves. Laura Brasher, Donald Byrnes and Scott Hornick. Candidates answered questions given by existing board members.

Board members answered questions and shared their experiences about being on the school board.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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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, any pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiation in which the public body is, or may become a party. Any matters falling within the attorney-client privilege, to the extent that confidentiality is required in order for the attorney to exercise his ethical duties as a lawyer. The nature of the matter, described as specifically as possible without undermining the need for confidentiality reviewing hearing information before the Board pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 18A:37-13.2 et. seq.*, attorney-client privilege, personnel, and negotiations; and

WHEREAS, the length of the Executive Session is estimated to be sixty (60) minutes after which the meeting shall reconvene and proceed with business.

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.

Action may be taken upon return.

Time: 7:49 pm

(Ms. Brooks Moved; Ms. Olawski Seconded; 8 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abstain; 0 Absent)

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby approves reconvening the regular Board meeting.

Time: 9:42 pm

(Ms. Brennan Moved; Dr. Riihimaki Seconded; 8 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abstain; 0 Absent)

No vote was able to be reached after executive session. No candidate was chosen.

Board of Education Roll Call Vote

	<u>Ms. Brennan</u>	<u>Ms. Brooks</u>	<u>Ms. Emery</u>	<u>Dr. Grantham</u>	<u>Mr. Maloy</u>	<u>Ms. Olawski</u>	<u>Dr. Riihimaki</u>	<u>Ms. Grant</u>
Motion	1st						2nd	
Aye	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Nay								
Abstain								
Absent								

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS:

Action Items 20-SU-NONE

Board of Education Roll Call Vote

	<u>Ms. Brennan</u>	<u>Ms. Brooks</u>	<u>Ms. Emery</u>	<u>Dr. Grantham</u>	<u>Mr. Maloy</u>	<u>Ms. Olawski</u>	<u>Dr. Riihimaki</u>	<u>Ms. Grant</u>
Motion								
Aye								
Nay								
Abstain								
Absent								

PUBLIC COMMENTS – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:

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.

FIRST RECOGNITION OF THE PUBLIC:

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REPORT OF THE SCHOOL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/BOARD SECRETARY:

Action Items 20-BA-NONE

Board of Education Roll Call Vote

	Ms. <u>Brennan</u>	Ms. <u>Brooks</u>	Ms. <u>Emery</u>	Dr. <u>Grantham</u>	Mr. <u>Maloy</u>	Ms. <u>Olawski</u>	Dr. <u>Riihimaki</u>	Ms. <u>Grant</u>
Motion								
Aye								
Nay								
Abstain								
Absent								

FACILITIES/FINANCE:

Kevin Maloy- Chair; Lana Brennan, Maria Grant, Catherine Riihimaki

Action Items 20-FF-NONE

Board of Education Roll Call Vote

	Ms. <u>Brennan</u>	Ms. <u>Brooks</u>	Ms. <u>Emery</u>	Dr. <u>Grantham</u>	Mr. <u>Maloy</u>	Ms. <u>Olawski</u>	Dr. <u>Riihimaki</u>	Ms. <u>Grant</u>
Motion								
Aye								
Nay								
Abstain								
Absent								

PERSONNEL:

Personnel: Maria Grant – Chair; Mary Beth Brooks, Kevin Maloy

Action Items 20-P-062 through 20-P-073

PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL STAFF APPOINTMENTS ARE AT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS, AND THAT ALL SALARIES ARE PRORATED TO THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF EMPLOYMENT AND WITHIN THE CURRENT SCHOOL BUDGET.

Action 20-P-063:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby accepts with regret the resignation of **Jessica Heuer**, Technology Teacher, effective September 28, 2019.

Action 20-P-064:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby accepts with regret the resignation of **Laura Evans**, Art Teacher, effective October 2, 2019.

Action 20-P-065:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves **Robin Rozebersky**, Health & PE Teacher, FTE=1, Step B, BA+15, at a salary of \$54,430.00, effective August 27, 2019 through June 30, 2020.
(Upon completion and clearance from criminal history and background check.)

Action 20-P-066:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves **Kelly Gallagher**, Health & PE Teacher, FTE=1, Step A, BA, at a salary of \$52,340.00, effective August 27, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

(Upon completion and clearance from criminal history and background check.)

Action 20-P-067:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves **Laura Lucchetto**, Technology Teacher, FTE=1, Step L, BA, at a prorated salary of \$64,927.00, effective on or about October 21, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

(Upon completion and clearance from criminal history and background check.)

Action 20-P-068:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves **Julie Bruen**, Art Teacher, FTE=1, Step J, BA, at a salary of \$59,842.00, effective August 27, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

(Upon completion and clearance from criminal history and background check.)

Action 20-P-069:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves **Carmella Shaw**, Business Office Coordinator, FTE=1, at a prorated salary of \$65,000.00, effective August 21, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

Action 20-P-070:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the following CTSD staff to be Coaches for the 2019-2020 school year as per negotiated agreement.

<i>Employee</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>Years</i>	<i>Stipend Amount</i>
Comerford, Jessica	Boys Soccer (co-coach)	2	*\$1,736.00
Cozin, Ben	Boys Soccer (co-coach)	2	*\$1,736.00
Knapp, Kristina	Assistant Volleyball	1	\$1,352.00
Rozembersky, Robin	Girls Soccer	2	\$2,120.00

Staff members are splitting the combined Head Soccer Coach Stipend-\$2,120.00, and Assistant Soccer Coach Stipend-\$1,352.00.

Action 20-P-071:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the following CTSD staff to be Co-Curricular Advisors for the 2019-2020 school year as per negotiated agreement.

<i>Employee</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>Stipend Amount</i>
Greco, Dean	Set Design	\$650.00

Action 20-P-072:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby accepts with regret the resignation of **Laurie Hackney**, Lunch and Recess Monitor, effective October 15, 2019.

Action 20-P-073:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves **Amanda Smith**, Special Education Teacher, Grade 6, FTE=0.5, Step A, BA, at a salary of \$26,170.00, effective August 27, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

(Upon completion and clearance from criminal history and background check.)

Board of Education Roll Call Vote

	<u>Ms. Brennan</u>	<u>Ms. Brooks</u>	<u>Ms. Emery</u>	<u>Dr. Grantham</u>	<u>Mr. Maloy</u>	<u>Ms. Olawski</u>	<u>Dr. Riihimaki</u>	<u>Ms. Grant</u>
Motion					2nd			1st
Aye	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Nay								
Abstain								
Absent								

POLICY:

Mary Beth Brooks – Chair; Catherine Emery, Maria Grant, Alissa Olawski

Action Items 20-PO-NONE

CURRICULUM:

Mary Beth Brooks – Chair; Alison Grantham, Maria Grant, Alissa Olawski

Action Items 20-CUR-NONE

NEGOTIATIONS-CTEA:

Maria Grant – Chair; Lana Brennan, Alison Grantham, Kevin Maloy

Action Items 20-NCTEA-NONE

NEGOTIATIONS-CTAA:

Maria Grant – Chair; Lana Brennan, Mary Beth Brooks, Alissa Olawski

Action Items 20-NCTAA-NONE

COMMUNICATIONS:

Maria Grant – Chair; Lana Brennan, Alison Grantham, Kevin Maloy

Action Items 20-COM-NONE

FEASIBILITY OF SCHOOL CLOSING:

Maria Grant – Chair; Mary Beth Brooks

OLD BUSINESS:

- Ms. Brooks asked about the status water backup on the property, she mentioned that letters were received and wanted an update.
- Mr. Bausch, board attorney stated that the district is still working with the engineer, and this is an ongoing effort to resolve the issue. We will keep the board updated.

NEW BUSINESS:

SECOND RECOGNITION OF THE PUBLIC:

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Time: 9:53 pm

(**Mr. Maloy** Moved; **Ms. Olawski** Seconded; 8 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abstain; 0 Absent)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves reconvening the regular Board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

Action 20-AJ-002:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby adjourns this meeting.

Time: 10:53 pm

(_____ Moved; _____ Seconded; **8 Ayes; 0 Nays**)

Respectfully Submitted,

Joanne Hinkle
Acting Board Secretary

Minutes Prepared: 1/10/20

Minutes remain unofficial until Board of Education approval.

Board of Education Approved: