

## **CLARK PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

Clark, New Jersey

This meeting will open at 5:30 p.m. in the Media Center of the Arthur L. Johnson High School located at 365 Westfield Avenue in Clark, and immediately convene to Executive Session for confidential matters, matters of personnel, litigation or contract matters and/or attorney/client privilege. The Public Session of this meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. and will be held in the Auditorium of the Arthur L. Johnson High School located at 365 Westfield Avenue in Clark.

### **AGENDA FOR APRIL 4, 2017 REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

#### **OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS STATEMENT**

This is a public meeting of the Board of Education of the Clark Public Schools. Adequate notice of this meeting has been given in accordance with PL1975, Chapter 231, in that a special notice was made in conformance with Section 13 of the Act.

#### **PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**

#### **ROLL CALL**

#### **BOARD OF EDUCATION SHOWCASE OF SUCCESS:**

##### **Governor's Educators of the Year**

##### **2016 NJ Exemplary Elementary Educators**

##### **Arthur L. Johnson High School Athletics**

##### **Boys' Basketball**

2017 Union County Conference - Sky Division Champions  
George Visconti - All Time Leading Scorer

##### **Girls' Basketball**

2017 Union County Conference - Mountain Division Champions

##### **Cheerleading**

2017 New Jersey - Group 2 State Champions

##### **Wrestling**

Christopher Fuschetto  
2017 New Jersey - District 13 Champion  
100 Career Wins

##### **Carl H. Kumpf Middle School**

Schools to Watch Re-Designation

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion:

Second:

**Be it resolved by the Board of Education of the Township of Clark that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that**

the following minutes are hereby approved:

- Executive and Public Session minutes of the February 28, 2017 Special Board Meeting
- Public Session minutes of the March 6, 2017 Regular Board Meeting
- Executive and Public Session minutes of the March 13, 2017 Special Board Meeting

Once the need for confidentiality no longer exists, Executive Session minutes may be available to the public.

Vote: Ayes –

Nayes –

Abstention –

Absent –

**FLOOR OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY**

**PERSONNEL**

Motion:

Second:

**Be it resolved by the Board of Education of the Township of Clark that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that**

1. the disability retirement of Jennifer Lewis, teacher (9 years of service), from the Clark Public Schools and TPAF effective October 1, 2016, is hereby accepted with best wishes.
2. the resignation of Christina Cornacchia, teacher assistant, from the Clark Public Schools (FKH) is hereby accepted effective March 30, 2017.
3. Gregory MacArthur is hereby appointed as a maternity leave replacement teacher (Music) for the Clark Public Schools (CHK), for the 2016-2017 school year, effective on or about June 12, 2017 to on or about October 13, 2017 at the annual salary of \$52,140.00 (BA Step 4), pro rata, pending a criminal history background check.
4. Stacie Miller is hereby appointed as a maternity leave replacement (School Psychologist) for the Clark Public Schools (District), for the 2016-2017 school year, effective on or about April 25, 2017 to June 22, 2017 at the annual salary of \$52,140.00 (BA Step 4), pro rata, pending a criminal history background check.

- 5. Roxanne Raposo, teacher for the Clark Public Schools (ALJ), is hereby granted a maternity/disability leave commencing on or about June 5, 2017; and  
**Be it further resolved** that Roxanne Raposo, shall use fourteen (14) accumulated unused sick days at the beginning of this leave; and  
**Be it further resolved** that once the fourteen (14) accumulated unused sick days are exhausted, the remaining days of this leave shall be without pay; and  
**Be it further resolved** that this leave shall end on or about November 30, 2017.
- 6. approval is hereby given to amend the maternity/disability leave for Christine Casale Broski, administrator for the Clark Public Schools (Central Office), to reflect the use of thirty (30) sick days and to extend the end date from September 7, 2017 to September 15, 2017.
- 7. approval is hereby given to extend the end date for the maternity/disability leave for Heather Hull-Van Bergen, teacher for the Clark Public Schools (CHK), from April 25, 2017 to May 31, 2017.
- 8. approval is hereby given to amend the maternity/disability leave for Flora Pollack, teacher for the Clark Public Schools (CHK), to reflect the use of zero (0) personal days.
- 9. the following individuals are hereby approved for the “Other Than Athletics” extracurricular positions for the Clark Public Schools (FKH) for the 2016-2017 school year as listed:

**Frank K. Hehnl Elementary School**

**RESCIND:**

<b><u>Position</u></b>	<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Amounts*</u></b>
Student Council Advisor	Meghan Majors	\$ 610.00 (split)
Co-Directors Spring Play	Meghan Majors	\$ 2,525.50 (split)
	Laura Venezia	\$ 2,525.50 (split)

\*Reflects stipend amounts before contract negotiations

**APPOINT:**

<b><u>Position</u></b>	<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Amounts</u></b>
Student Council Advisor	Cassandra DeVita	\$ 622.00 (split)
Co-Directors Spring Play	Samantha McHugh	\$ 2,576.00 (split)
	Laura Venezia	\$ 2,576.00 (split)

- 10. the agreement between R. Paul Vizzuso, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, and this Body for the 2016-2017 school year is hereby approved. Contract is on file in the Office of the Board Secretary.
- 11. the following individuals are hereby approved as substitutes for the Clark Public Schools for the 2016-2017 school year:

**Substitute Teacher**

Raymond Abernethy (NJ-Teacher of Art)  
Amanda Merten (UC)

- Gregory MacArthur (NJ-Teacher of Music)
- Stacie Miller (NJ-School Psychologist)
- Zachary Miller (UC)
- Brian Moran (UC)
- Jennifer Pecoraro (UC)
- Caitlin Reilly (NJ-Elem Grades K-6; Teacher of Students with Disabilities)
- Kaitlyn Sanchez (UC)

**Substitute Aide**

- Nicholas Becker
- Zachary Miller
- Brian Moran
- Victoria Pangiochi
- Jennifer Pecoraro
- Caitlin Reilly
- Kaitlyn Sanchez

Vote: Ayes –  
 Nays –  
 Abstention –  
 Absent –

**CURRICULUM/EDUCATION**

Motion:  
 Second:

**Be it resolved by the Board of Education of the Township of Clark that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that**

12. WHEREAS, the employees listed below are requesting Board of Education authorization to attend the conferences/workshops listed below; and

WHEREAS, the attendance at stated function was previously approved by the chief school administrator as work related within the scope of the work responsibilities of the attendees and within the funds budgeted for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, the attendance at this function was approved as promoting delivery of instruction or furthering efficient operation of the school district; and fiscally prudent; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board authorizes attendance at the stated conference/workshop and reimbursement for the related expenses in accordance with Board policy on conference and workshop attendance:

3<sup>th</sup> Annual Schools to Watch Conference, Friday, June 23, 2017 and Saturday, June 24, 2017, 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., at Crystal Gateway Marriott, Arlington, VA, at the cost of \$1,243.39 (including lodging) – Jennifer Feeley and Amanda Davidson

13. the following educational field trip requests are hereby approved as listed:

**Destination:** United Nations, New York, NY  
**Date:** 4/25/2017      **Grade(s):** 9-12  
**School:** Arthur L. Johnson High School  
                    French Club  
**No. of Adults:** 2                                      **No. of Students:** 20  
**Cost to BOE:** None

**Destination:** Eastern Penitentiary & Mutter Museum, Philadelphia, PA  
**Date:** 5/18/2017      **Grade(s):** 11-12  
**School:** Arthur L. Johnson High School  
                    Psychology, AP European, Psychology Club  
**No. of Adults:** 10                                      **No. of Students:** 100  
**Cost to BOE:** None

**Destination:** National Constitution Center, Philadelphia, PA  
**Date:** 5/25/2017      **Grade(s):** 11-12  
**School:** Arthur L. Johnson High School  
                    AP U.S. Government & Politics  
**No. of Adults:** 4                                      **No. of Students:** 40  
**Cost to BOE:** None

**Destination:** Dardo Galletto Studios/Broadway Theater, New York, NY  
**Date:** 6/14/2017      **Grade(s):** 6-8  
**School:** Carl H. Kumpf Middle School  
                    School Musical/Drama Club  
**No. of Adults:** 6                                      **No. of Students:** 49  
**Cost to BOE:** None

Vote: Ayes –  
          Nays –  
          Abstention –  
          Absent –

**POLICY**

Motion:  
Second:

**Be it resolved by the Board of Education of the Township of Clark that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that**

14. the Clark Board of Education adopts the following policies on second reading. A copy of these documents is on file in the Board Office.

- Policies**  
5330.04      Administering an Opioid Antidote  
5533           Pupil Smoking (M)  
6630           Athletic Fund

15. the Clark Board of Education adopts the following policy and regulations on first reading. A copy of these documents is on file in the Board Office.

**Policy**

P 2460 Special Education (M)

**Regulations**

R 2460 Special Education (M)

R 2460.1 Special Education – Location, Identification, and Referral (M)

R 2460.8 Special Education – Free and Appropriate Public Education (M)

R 2460.9 Special Education – Transition from Early Intervention Programs to Preschool Programs (M)

R 2460.15 Special Education – In-Service Training Needs for Professional and Paraprofessional Staff (M)

R 2460.16 Special Education – Instructional Material to Blind or Print-Disabled Students (M)

Vote: Ayes –  
Nayes –  
Abstention –  
Absent –

**BOARD GOVERNANCE**

Motion:  
Second:

**Be it resolved by the Board of Education of the Township of Clark that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that**

16. the school calendar for the 2016-2017 School Year is hereby amended to include April 17, 2017 as a school closure day for students and teachers.

17. WHEREAS, the Clark Board of Education has received the Superintendent’s report of Incident(s) of Harassment/Intimidation/Bullying (“HIB”) within the District; and

WHEREAS, the Board has had the opportunity to review the Superintendent’s recommendations with respect to the incident(s) of HIB.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board accepts the Superintendent’s recommendations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that pursuant to N.J.S.A.18A:37-15(d), the Superintendent of Schools shall inform the applicable parents/guardians of the students involved in these incidents with the following information within five (5) school days of this Board meeting:

1. The nature of the investigation;
2. Whether the District found evidence of HIB;
3. Whether discipline was imposed;
4. Whether services were provided to address the incident of HIB.

18. the following student from Seton Hall University is hereby approved for a supervised practicum in the Clark Public Schools as listed:

<u>STUDENT</u>	<u>DATES</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>
Lisa Compton	April 17, 2017 – April 21, 2017	(District) Special Education

19. the following student from Kean University is hereby approved for a supervised practicum in the Clark Public Schools as listed:

<u>STUDENT</u>	<u>DATES</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>
Joseph Sortino	April 5, 2017 – June 30, 2017	(FKH) Guidance

20. the following student from Scotch Plains-Fanwood Public Schools is hereby approved for classroom observations in the Clark Public Schools as listed:

<u>STUDENT</u>	<u>DATES</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>
Eliza Kuperschmid	May 22, 2017 – June 9, 2017	(CHK) Music

- Vote: Ayes –
- Nays –
- Abstention –
- Absent –

**FINANCE**

Motion:  
Second:

**Be it resolved by the Board of Education of the Township of Clark that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that**

- 21. approval is hereby given to Dr. R. Christopher Stucky, Psychiatrist, to provide psychiatric evaluations, as needed, at the rate of \$400.00 per evaluation for the remaining 2016-2017 school year.
- 22. a donation of an iPad at an approximate value of \$250.00, to the Department of Special Services is hereby accepted from Holly Zarzecki, student at Arthur L. Johnson High School with appreciation.
- 23. a donation of school supplies at a total approximate value of \$40.00 to the Valley Road Elementary School is hereby accepted from Mrs. Price with appreciation.
- 24. a donation of 300 black folding chairs at a total cost of \$4,661.81 to the Frank K. Hehnlly Elementary School (FKH) is hereby accepted from the FKH PTA with appreciation.
- 25. authorization is hereby granted to the Business Administrator to advertise for the sale of school bus #1, #3, and #4.
- 26. approval is hereby given to enter into an agreement with TruGreen Commercial for lawn care and related services from March 2017 through June 2017 at a total cost of \$10,438.00.

27. approval is hereby given for the payment of Application #5 to D&E Window and Door, LLC in the amount of \$34,225.95 for the State Project #0850-040-14-1005-G04, Valley Road Elementary School Window Replacement ROD Grant project. Project completed, no further payments due.

28. the Board of Education accepts the financial reports, as submitted, which include the monthly Board Secretary’s report and the Treasurer of School Monies report for the month ended February 28, 2017. The Board notes that the Secretary’s and Treasurer’s reports are in balance for the cash receipts and disbursements for the month ended February 28, 2017 and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10 (c), I, R. Paul Vizzuso, Board Secretary, certify that as of February 28, 2017 no budgetary line item account has obligations and payments which in total exceed the amount appropriated by the District Board of Education pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:22-8 and 18A:22-8.1, and that the District financial accounts have been reconciled and are in balance, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that through the adoption of this resolution, we, the Clark Board of Education, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10, certify that as of February 28, 2017, after review of the Board Secretary’s monthly financial report (appropriation section) and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials, that to the best of our knowledge no major account or fund has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10 and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district’s financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

29. the Board of Education hereby approves the Monthly Transfer Report for the month ended February 28, 2017. (Attachment A)

30. the Bill List submitted in the amount of \$1,779,593.79 for April 5, 2017 is hereby approved and payment authorized as funds of the board are made available following this meeting.

Vote: Ayes –  
Nays –  
Abstention –  
Absent –

**REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT**

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**STUDENT BOARD MEMBER UPDATE**

**HEARING OF THE PUBLIC**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion to go into Executive Caucus:**

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act allows for the exclusion from discussion at the public portion of a meeting certain matters as outlined below, and

WHEREAS, the Clark Township Board of Education wishes to discuss such matters made and will make such discussion public when a proper conclusion has been reached:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Clark Township Board of Education will hold a closed Executive Session on this date for the purpose(s) as outlined and described below:

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Confidential Matters per Statute or Court Order \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Impact Rights to Receive Federal Funds \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Unwarranted Invasion of Individual Privacy \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Collective Bargaining \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Acquisition of Real Property or Investment of Funds \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Public Safety Procedures \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Litigation or Contract Matters or Attorney/Client Privilege \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. Personnel Matters \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. Imposition of Penalties upon an Individual \_\_\_\_\_

This closed session may be followed by an open session where action may be taken.

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Attachment A – February Monthly Transfer Report