

Board of Education of the Township of Clark, New Jersey
Regular Meeting Agenda October 2, 2017

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, collective bargaining, 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 Clark Council Chambers located at 315 Westfield Avenue in Clark.

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

SHOWCASE OF SUCCESS

Mrs. Victoria Sasso
2017-2018 Union County Teacher of the Year

PUBLIC HEARING

District Goals for School Year 2017-2018

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 September 11, 2017 Regular Board Meeting
Once the need for confidentiality no longer exists, Executive Session minutes may be available to the public.

Vote: Ayes –

Nays –

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. Michelle Chesney is hereby appointed as a cafeteria/playground aide for the Clark Public Schools (VRS) for the 2017-2018 school year, at a rate of \$11.00 per hour, without benefits, pending a criminal history background check and a complete health physical.
2. the placement of Lucas Truempy, teacher for the Clark Public Schools (ALJ), is hereby moved from the teachers’ MA salary guide (Step 13A) \$67,512.00 to the teachers’ MA+30 salary guide (Step 13A) \$71,462.00, effective October 1, 2017.
3. Daniel House, teacher for the Clark Public Schools (ALJ), is hereby granted an intermittent paternity leave under the New Jersey Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) for the 2017-2018 school year, not to exceed 60 work days without pay but with benefit coverage.
4. the following individuals are hereby approved for the “Other Than Athletics” extracurricular positions for the Clark Public Schools (CHK) for the 2017-2018 school year as listed:

Carl H. Kumpf Middle School

RESCIND:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
ATOMS Club Advisor	Alessandra Bonacchi	\$717.00
Peer Leadership Advisor	Kellie Yetsko	\$717.00

APPOINT:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
ATOMS Club Advisor	Cristina Faro	\$717.00
Peer Leadership Advisor	Kathryn Jones	\$717.00

5. the following individual is hereby approved for the “Athletics” extracurricular position for the Clark Public Schools (ALJ) for the 2017-2018 school year as listed:

Arthur L. Johnson High School

APPOINT:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Ticket Sellers	Nancy Jogis	\$88.00 per event

6. the following individual is hereby approved for the Winter “Athletics” extracurricular Non-BOE paid coaching position for the Clark Public Schools (ALJ) for the 2017-2018 school year as listed:

Arthur L. Johnson High School

APPOINT:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>
Winter Track	Aya Elsekhely

7. payment of the merit goals for the Superintendent of Schools for the 2016-2017 school year as per the terms of his employment agreement is hereby approved.
8. submission of the merit goals for the Superintendent of Schools for the 2017-2018 school year to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools for his approval is hereby approved. A copy of these goal statements is on file in the Board Office.
9. Francis Wagenblast is hereby approved as a School Academic Coordinator for the Clark Public Schools (District) for the 2017-2018 school year at a stipend of \$10,000.00.
10. Matthew Serweddes and Marlena Sundo are hereby approved as advisors for the Coding for Cougars program beginning the third week of October 2017 for a stipend of \$750.00 each for each six-week session.
11. the following individuals are hereby appointed as substitutes for the Clark Public Schools for the 2017-2018 school year:

Substitute Teacher

Samantha Bridgman (UC)
Amanda Gergich (UC)
Benjamin Hamilton (UC)
Reham Neamtallh (UC-BS)
Rachel Rota (NJ Elementary School Teacher)
Stephen Sheppard (UC-BA)
Evagelia Stavrakis (UC-BA)
Jacquelyn Stulpin (UC-BS)
Andrew Zub (UC-BA)

Substitute Aide

Samantha Bridgman
Emily Curran
Pauline Marinorivera
Rachel Rota
Evagelia Stavrakis
Jacquelyn Stulpin

12. the following job descriptions are hereby approved. (Attachment A)

Computer Operator—Accounts Payable
Confidential Secretary—Business Office
Confidential Secretary—Central Office
Confidential Secretary—Superintendent’s Office
Public School Accountant
School Academic Coordinator
Secretary—Benefits and Transportation

Vote: Ayes –
Nayes –

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

13. the Engineering: Design Thinking Curriculum Guide (Semester Course Offering; High School) for the 2017-2018 school year is hereby approved.

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

WHEREAS, the attendance at stated functions 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 these functions 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 conferences/workshops and reimbursement for the related expenses in accordance with Board policy on conference and workshop attendance:

Mastering PARCC From Day One: Increasing Student Achievement and Ensuring Testing Success on Thursday, October 26, 2017; 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Gran Centurions, Clark, NJ, at the cost of \$175.00 – Yuri Diaz

Annual Conference for Middle Level Education on Thursday and Friday, October 6 and 7, 2017; 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at Pennsylvania Convention Center, Philadelphia, PA, at the cost of \$524.00 – Victoria Sasso

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

Destination: Southern Regional High School, Manahawkin, NJ

Date: 10/08/2017 **Grade(s):** 9-12

School: Arthur L. Johnson High School

Marching Band

No. of Adults: 20 **No. of Students:** 55

Cost to BOE: \$1,900.00

Destination: Hanover Park High School, East Hanover, NJ

Date: 10/14/2017 **Grade(s):** 9-12

School: Arthur L. Johnson High School

Marching Band
No. of Adults: 20 No. of Students: 55
Cost to BOE: \$1,900.00

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

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

Policy

- P 2700 Services to Nonpublic School Students (M)
- P 7100 Long-Range Facilities Planning (M)
- P 7101 Educational Adequacy of Capital Projects
- P 7102 Site Selection and Acquisition
- P 7130 School Closing
- P 7300 Disposition of Property

Regulations

- R 7100 Long-Range Facilities Planning (M)
- R 7101 Educational Adequacy of Capital Projects
- R 7102 Site Selection and Acquisition
- R 7300.2 Disposal of Land
- R 7300.3 Disposition of Personal Property
- R 7300.4 Disposition of Federal Property

Vote: Ayes –
Nays –
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

17. the District Goals for the 2017-2018 school year are hereby adopted. (Attachment B)

18. approval is hereby given for the submission of the Statement of Assurance (SOA) for the Clark Public Schools in compliance with the New Jersey Quality Single Accountability Continuum (NJQSAC) 2017–2018 Monitoring Process.

19. 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.

20. approval is hereby given to enter into a partnership with Drew University for the 2017-2018 school year for college student observations.

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 for the out-of-district placement and tuition for the 2017 Extended School Year Program for the following students:

Student #	Placement	Tuition
1236069566 (Elementary)	Rutgers Day School ESY	\$12,566.00

22. approval is hereby given for the out-of-district placement and tuition for the 2017-2018 school year for the following students:

Student #	Placement	Tuition
7125757896 (High School)	Lamberts Mill Academy ESY	\$53,170.00 8,862.00
4973265995 (High School)	Honor Ridge Academy	\$72,651.00

23. approval is hereby given to Stephanie Shaeffer, M.S. CCC-SLP; Certified Auditory-Verbal Therapist, to provide independent Auditory Verbal Therapy Evaluations, as needed, at the following rates:

Therapy in office	\$135.00/per hour
In office evaluation	\$800.00
Out of office visits	\$195.00/first hour \$34.00/each additional 15 minutes
Observation (1½ hour, including review of records)	\$500.00

24. approval is hereby given to Theresa Harp, M.A., CCC-SLP; LSLs Certified Auditory-Verbal Therapist, Sound Speech, LLC, to provide independent Auditory Verbal Therapy Evaluations, as needed, at the rate of \$750.00.

25. the following board members and staff are hereby approved to attend the Annual School Boards Workshop in Atlantic City from October 23, 2017 to October 26, 2017 at the following cost: transportation to be reimbursed at .31 cents per mile, meals and incidentals not to exceed \$64.00 per day, lodging at a cost of \$92.00 per night (excluding taxes) not to exceed three nights, and group workshop registration for up to eighteen team members at a cost of \$1,500.00:

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| a. Lorraine j. Aklonis | e. Steven Donkersloot |
| b. Carmen Brocato | f. Edward Grande |
| c. Laura Caliguire | g. Henry R. Varriano |
| d. Jill Curran | h. R. Paul Vizzuso |

26. the 2017-2018 Regular School Year transportation agreement between the Clark Board of Education and the Morris Union Jointure Commission (Attachment C) is hereby approved.

27. the Clark Board of Education hereby accepts the following grant awards for nursing services, technology, textbooks, and auxiliary and handicapped services for students who attend non-public schools in Clark for the 2017-2018 school year:

Non Public Nursing Aid	\$ 63,826.00
Non Public Security	\$ 49,350.00
Non Public Svc Aid Ch. 192	\$184,827.00
Non Public Svc Aid Ch. 193	\$120,382.00

Non Public Technology	\$ 24,346.00
Non Public Textbook Aid	\$ 36,046.00

- 28. the use of the Arthur L. Johnson High School auditorium light and sound systems will require that a trained student technician be hired by the renting organization at a fee of \$15.00 per hour worked; and,

Be it further resolved that the following students are approved as student technicians that have been adequately trained on such systems for the 2017 – 2018 school year:

- Michael Abbaticola
- Samuel Abbaticola
- Brian Azevedo
- Matthew Kowalenko
- Ryan Kowalenko

- 29. approval is hereby given to accept the proposal from Coastal Clock & Chime Company to repair the clock on the outside front wall of the Arthur L. Johnson High School at a cost of \$3,000.00.

- 30. 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 August 31, 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 August 31, 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 August 31, 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 August 31, 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.

- 31. the Bill List submitted in the amount of \$515,996.65 for October 3, 2017 are 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

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 – Job Descriptions

Attachment B – 2017-2018 District Goals

Attachment C – 2017-2018 Regular School Year Transportation Agreement