

Board of Education of the Township of Clark, Union County, NJ
Special Meeting Minutes July 24, 2017

This meeting opened at 5:36 p.m. in the Media Center of the Arthur L. Johnson High School located at 365 Westfield Avenue in Clark, and immediately convened 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 began at 7:10 p.m. and was also held in the Media Center of the Arthur L. Johnson High School.

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 5:36 P.M.

Present: Scott Bohm
Laura Caliguire
Christine Guerriero, Garwood Representative
Thomas Lewis (Arrived 6:05 p.m.)
Robert Smorol
Henry R. Varriano
Jill Curran, President

Absent: Lorraine j. Aklonis
Carmen Brocato
Steven Donkersloot, Vice President

Also Present: Edward Grande, Superintendent of Schools
R. Paul Vizzuso, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

MOTION TO GO INTO CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: Christine Guerriero
Seconded: Laura Caliguire

Roll Call: Yes: 6 No: 0 Abstain: 0

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 _____

- X 8. Personnel Matters
- 9. Imposition of Penalties upon an Individual

MOTION TO ADJOURN CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: Christine Guerriero
 Seconded: Laura Caliguire

Roll Call: Yes: 7 No: 0 Abstain: 0

This closed session was followed by an open session where action was taken.

The Board met in Executive Session from 5:37 p.m. until 7:10 p.m. After a 2-minute recess the following roll call was taken:

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PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

ROLL CALL 7:12 P.M.

Present: Scott Bohm
 Laura Caliguire
 Christine Guerriero, Garwood Representative
 Thomas Lewis
 Robert Smorol
 Henry R. Varriano
 Jill Curran, President

Absent: Lorraine j. Aklonis
 Carmen Brocato
 Steven Donkersloot, Vice President

Also Present: Edward Grande, Superintendent of Schools
 R. Paul Vizzuso, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

FLOOR OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

The floor was opened to the public at 7:13 p.m. and immediately closed with no comments from the audience.

PERSONNEL

*May be adjusted per contract negotiations

RESOLUTION BY BLOCK VOTE (1-12)

Motion: Laura Caliguire
 Second: Thomas Lewis

Roll Call: Yes: 7 No: 0 Abstain: 1 Christine Guerriero - #5, 7, 8

Thomas Lewis, Board Member – Stated that the Board and Superintendent are restructuring the administration and believes they will make positive strides. Stressed the difficulties faced due to financial constraints and limited State aid. Assured they are working to deliver a quality educational product.

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

1. Jennifer Feeley is hereby appointed as Principal of Arthur L. Johnson High School (12-month position) for the 2017-2018 school year, retroactive to July 1, 2017, at the annual salary of \$142,500.00*.
2. Edward Bucior is hereby appointed as Assistant Principal of Arthur L. Johnson High School (12-month position) for the 2017-2018 school year, effective on or about September 25, 2017, or earlier if released from his current contract, at the annual salary of \$86,000.00 pro rata, pending a criminal history background check and a complete health physical.
3. Marie Hoffman is hereby appointed as School Psychologist for the Clark Public Schools (ALJ), for the 2017-2018 school year, effective September 1, 2017, at the annual salary of \$56,340.00 (MA Step 4), pending a criminal history background check and a complete health physical.
4. Stacie Miller is hereby appointed as a maternity leave replacement (School Psychologist) for the Clark Public Schools (ALJ), for the 2017-2018 school year, effective on or about September 1, 2017 to on or about November 17, 2017 at the annual salary of \$52,540.00 (BA Step 4), pro rata.
5. Stephanie Lewis is hereby appointed as a maternity leave replacement (School Psychologist) for the Clark Public Schools (CHK), for the 2017-2018 school year, effective on or about September 1, 2017 to on or about February 28, 2018 at the annual salary of \$52,540.00 (BA Step 4), pro rata, pending a criminal history background check.
6. Danielle Vazquez is hereby appointed as a (0.5 FTE) Occupational Therapist for the Clark Public Schools (District), for the 2017-2018 school year, effective September 1, 2017, at the annual salary of \$56,340.00 (MA Step 4), pro rata, pending a criminal history background check and a complete health physical.
7. Lauren Portas is hereby appointed as a teacher (Mathematics) for the Clark Public Schools (CHK), for the 2017-2018 school year, effective September 1, 2017, at the annual salary of \$56,340.00 (MA Step 4), pending a criminal history background check and a complete health physical.
8. Megan Curtis is hereby appointed as a teacher (Special Education) for the Clark Public Schools (FKH), for the 2017-2018 school year, effective September 1, 2017, at the annual salary of \$56,340.00 (MA Step 4), pending a criminal history background check and a complete health physical.
9. approval is hereby given to amend resolution #32 on the June 13, 2017 minutes to reflect a change from Mary Schaefer as a 0.5 FTE to a 1.0 FTE Teacher Assistant for the Clark Public Schools for the 2017-2018 school year.
10. 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:

Position
Ticket Sellers

Name
Christine Hampp

Amount
\$88.00 per event

- 11. Francis Wagenblast is hereby approved as a School Academic Coordinator for the Clark Public Schools (District) from July 25, 2017 – September 1, 2017 at a pay rate of \$35.00 per hour worked, not to exceed 35 hours per week for 6 weeks.
- 12. the following individual is hereby approved as a substitute for the Clark Public Schools for the 2017-2018 school year:

Substitute Teacher

Stephanie Lewis (NJ School Psychologist)

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Good Evening and Thank You Mrs. Curran

- Newly appointed staff were welcomed to the District: Edward Bucior, Marie Hoffman, Stacie Miller, Stephanie Lewis, Danielle Vazquez, Lauren Portas, Megan Curtis
- Thank You and Have a Great Evening

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES

Robert Smorol, Board Member – Acknowledged concerns with potential cuts to some athletic programs. Stressed that difficult decisions had to be made due to budget restraints. Announced the following cuts: elimination of freshman teams (football, basketball and baseball); reduction in coaching staff; modification of sport schedules. Pleased that all varsity sports will remain.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

The floor was opened to the public at 7:28 p.m. and immediately closed with no comments from the audience.

MOTION TO GO INTO CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: Christine Guerriero

Seconded: Scott Bohm

Roll Call: Yes: 7 No: 0 Abstain: 0

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The board entered closed executive session at 7:30 p.m.

MOTION TO ADJOURN CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: Christine Guerriero
Seconded: Laura Caliguire

Roll Call: Yes: 7 No: 0 Abstain: 0

The board was in closed executive session until 7:46 p.m. This closed session was followed by an open session where NO action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Christine Guerriero
Seconded: Robert Smorol

BE IT RESOLVED, that with no further business to come before the Clark Board of Education, the meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

R. Paul Vizzuso
Business Administrator/Board Secretary
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