

Board of Education of the Township of Clark, Union County, NJ
Regular Meeting Minutes August 13, 2018

This meeting opened at 5:35 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 7:05 p.m. and was 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 5:35 P.M.

Present: Lorraine j. Aklonis
Scott Bohm
Robert Brede
Laura Caliguire
Steven Donkersloot, Vice President
Christine Guerriero, Garwood Representative
Thomas Lewis
Robert Smorol

Absent: Jill Curran, President
Henry R. Varriano

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

MOTION TO GO INTO CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: Christine Guerriero
Second: Lorraine j. Aklonis

Roll Call: Yes: 8 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:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 1. Confidential Matters per Statute or Court Order | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 2. Impact Rights to Receive Federal Funds | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 3. Unwarranted Invasion of Individual Privacy | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 4. Collective Bargaining | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 5. Acquisition of Real Property or Investment of Funds | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 6. Public Safety Procedures | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 7. Litigation or Contract Matters or Attorney/Client Privilege | _____ |

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

MOTION TO ADJOURN CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: Christine Guerriero
 Seconded: Lorraine j. Aklonis

Roll Call: Yes: 8 No: 0 Abstain: 0

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

The Board met in Executive Session from 5:35 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. After a 6 minute recess the following roll call was taken:

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PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

ROLL CALL 7:06 P.M.

Present: Lorraine j. Aklonis
 Scott Bohm
 Robert Brede
 Laura Caliguire
 Steven Donkersloot, Vice President
 Christine Guerriero, Garwood Representative
 Thomas Lewis
 Robert Smorol

Absent: Jill Curran, President
 Henry R. Varriano

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: Robert Brede
 Second: Laura Caliguire

Roll Call: Yes: 7 No: 0 Abstain: 1 Scott Bohm

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 July 9, 2018 Regular Board Meeting

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

FLOOR OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

The floor was opened to the public at 7:08 p.m. and immediately closed with no comments from the audience.

PERSONNEL

RESOLUTION BY BLOCK VOTE (1-20)

Motion: Thomas Lewis

Second: Lorraine j. Aklonis

Items 1, 2, 6, 7, 9, 10, 17-20:

Roll Call: Yes: 8 No: 0 Abstain: 0

Items 3-5, 8, 11-16:

Roll Call: Yes: 7 No: 0 Abstain: 1 Christine Guerriero

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 resignation of Michelle Gonzalez, school psychologist, from the Clark Public Schools (District), is hereby accepted effective October 4, 2018 or sooner pending start date of replacement school psychologist.
2. the resignation of Anna Pedicine, mail courier, from the Clark Public Schools (District), is hereby accepted effective August 1, 2018.
3. the resignation of Tara Szarszewski, cafeteria/playground aide, from the Clark Public Schools (FKH), is hereby accepted effective August 1, 2018.
4. the resignation of Vincent Verdino, leave replacement teacher, from the Clark Public Schools (CHK), is hereby accepted effective August 1, 2018.
5. the placement of Judith Koebli, teacher for the Clark Public Schools (CHK/VRS), is hereby moved from the teachers' MA+30 salary guide (Step 19) \$106,605.00 to the teachers' E.D./Ph.D salary guide (Step 19) \$108,530.00, effective September 1, 2018.
6. the placement of Jenette Morse, teacher for the Clark Public Schools (ALJ), is hereby moved from the teachers' BA salary guide (Step 13) \$59,982.00 to the teachers' MA salary guide (Step 13) \$63,920.00, effective September 1, 2018.
7. the agreement between R. Paul Vizzuso, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, and this Body for the 2018-2019 school year is hereby approved. Contract is on file in the Office of the Board Secretary.
8. Nicole Barbuto is hereby appointed as a leave replacement teacher (for Grade Two Teacher Ashley Tenpenny) for the Clark Public Schools (FKH), for the 2018-2019 school year, effective on or about September 1, 2018 to on or about January 11, 2019, at the annual salary of \$52,690.00 (BA Step 4), pro rata, pending a criminal history background check and a complete health physical.

9. Mary Bryda is hereby appointed as a (0.5 FTE) occupational therapist for the Clark Public Schools (District), for the 2018-2019 school year, effective September 1, 2018, at the annual salary of \$56,490.00 (MA Step 4), pro rata, pending a criminal history background check and a complete health physical.
10. Danielle Catarino is hereby appointed as a (0.5 FTE) speech/language specialist for the Clark Public Schools (District), for the 2018-2019 school year, effective September 1, 2018, at the annual salary of \$56,490.00 (MA Step 4), pro rata, pending a criminal history background check and a complete health physical.
11. Nicole Deegan is hereby appointed as a teacher (Special Education) for the Clark Public Schools (CHK), for the 2018-2019 school year, effective September 1, 2018, at the annual salary of \$56,490.00 (MA Step 4), pending a criminal history background check and a complete health physical.
12. John Griffith is hereby appointed as a teacher (Special Education) for the Clark Public Schools (CHK), for the 2018-2019 school year, effective September 1, 2018, at the annual salary of \$56,490.00 (MA Step 4), pending a criminal history background check and a complete health physical.
13. Andrew Zlotnick is hereby appointed as a teacher (Special Education) for the Clark Public Schools (CHK), for the 2018-2019 school year, effective September 1, 2018, at the annual salary of \$52,690.00 (BA Step 4), pending a criminal history background check and a complete health physical.
14. Pamela Torres is hereby appointed as a cafeteria/playground aide for the Clark Public Schools (FKH), for the 2018-2019 school year, at a rate of \$11.00 per hour, without benefits, pending a criminal history background check and a complete health physical.
15. Elizabeth Frullo, teacher for the Clark Public Schools (FKH), is hereby granted a maternity/disability leave commencing on or about October 25, 2018; and
Be it further resolved that Elizabeth Frullo shall use approximately thirty-eight (38) accumulated unused sick days and approximately three (3) accumulated unused personal days at the beginning of this leave; and
Be it further resolved that once the approximately thirty-eight (38) accumulated unused sick days and approximately three (3) accumulated unused personal 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 March 29, 2019.
16. Heather Hull Van Bergen, teacher for the Clark Public Schools (CHK), is hereby granted a maternity/disability leave commencing on or about October 29, 2018; and
Be it further resolved that Heather Hull Van Bergen shall use approximately eighteen (18) accumulated unused sick days and approximately three (3) accumulated unused personal days at the beginning of this leave; and
Be it further resolved that once the approximately eighteen (18) accumulated unused sick days and approximately three (3) accumulated unused personal 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 February 28, 2019.

- 17. Francis Wagenblast is hereby approved as a School Academic Coordinator for the Clark Public Schools (District) from September 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018 at a stipend of \$4,000.00.
- 18. Stephen Kaelblein and Cynthia Wojciechowski are hereby approved as teachers for the SAT Preparation Course from August 20, 2018-August 24, 2018 for a stipend of \$700.00 each.
- 19. the following individuals are hereby approved as Site Managers for Activities for the Clark Public Schools (District Wide) for the 2018-2019 school year, at the rate of \$30.00 per hour, without benefits, as listed:

Daniel Filip
 Craig Haney
 Michael Manzella
 Giovanni Racanelli

- 20. the following individuals are hereby appointed as substitutes for the Clark Public Schools for the 2018-2019 school year:

Substitute Teacher

Nicole Barbuto (NJ Elementary School Teacher)
 Francesca Rego (UC)

Substitute Aide

Courtney Purcell
 Francesca Rego
 Tara Szarszewski
 Santiago Torres-Jaimes

CURRICULUM/EDUCATION

RESOLUTION BY BLOCK VOTE (21)

Motion: Lorraine j. Aklonis
 Second: Laura Caliguire

Roll Call: Yes: 8 No: 0 Abstain: 0

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 following Special Olympics Unified Sports programs, grades 9 – 12, during the 2018 – 2019 school year:

Soccer
 Basketball

POLICY

RESOLUTION BY BLOCK VOTE (22-23)

Motion: Scott Bohm
Second: Laura Caliguire

Roll Call: Yes: 8 No: 0 Abstain: 0

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

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

Policies

P 2431 Athletic Competition (M)
P 5533 Student Smoking

Regulation

R 7441 Electronic Surveillance In School Buildings and On School Grounds

23. 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

8550 Unpaid Meal Charges/Outstanding Food Service Charges

Regulations

R 2624 Grading System
R 5530 Substance Abuse (M)

BOARD GOVERNANCE

RESOLUTION BY BLOCK VOTE (24-25)

Motion: Lorraine j. Aklonis
Second: Robert Brede

Item 24:

Roll Call: Yes: 6 No: 0 Abstain: 2 Robert Brede, Christine Guerriero

Item 25:

Roll Call: Yes: 7 No: 0 Abstain: 1 Christine Guerriero

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

24. approval is hereby given for the confidential settlement agreement and release between R.G. and D.G. and the Clark Board of Education and for the Administration to be directed to take the necessary actions to effectuate the terms of the Agreement. A copy of the Agreement is on file in the Board Secretary’s office.

25. WHEREAS, the employee listed below is requesting Board of Education authorization to attend the conference/workshop 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 attendee 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:

“IMSE Comprehensive Orton-Gillingham Training” on October 15 - 19, 2018, 7:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., at Holiday Inn Secaucus Meadowlands, Secaucus, NJ, at the approximate cost of \$1,175.00 – Anne Nelson

FINANCE

RESOLUTION BY BLOCK VOTE (26-35)

Motion: Robert Smorol

Second: Lorraine j. Aklonis

Items 26, 27, 29, 32-35:

Roll Call: Yes: 8 No: 0 Abstain: 0

Items 28, 30, 31:

Roll Call: Yes: 7 No: 0 Abstain: 1 Christine Guerriero

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

26. approval is hereby given to Frontline Technologies Group LLC (formerly Centris Group) for the provision of the sync setup of the IEP program between Frontline Technologies and Genesis at a one-time rate of \$910.00.

27. approval is hereby given to enter into an agreement with Educere to provide virtual education delivery for student #5901572012 (high school) from June 13, 2018 to August 17, 2018 at a fee not to exceed \$199.50.

28. approval is hereby given for the out-of-district placement and tuition for the 2018 - 2019 school year for the following student:

Student #	Placement	Tuition
1236069566 (Elementary)	Cranford LEAP	\$54,527.00

29. approval is hereby given for the out-of-district placement and tuition for the 2018-2019 school year for the following student:

Student #	Placement	Tuition
8854392675	ECLC of New Jersey	\$52,439.40
(High School)	ESY	5,826.60

30. approval is hereby given to Summit Speech School for a teacher of the deaf to provide assessment of auditory skill development, technical support for equipment use, auditory verbal therapeutic techniques to maximize use of audition, instruction strategies and resources pre and post teaching of vocabulary and content for the following student at a cost of \$155.00 per hour, from September 2018 – June 2019:

<u>Student #</u>	<u>Total Minutes per week</u>
4352107650 (Elementary)	2 sessions/80 minutes per week

Additional Itinerant Services Fee Schedule (as needed):Fee

Itinerant Teacher of the Deaf	\$155.00/hour
Staff/Student In-Service	\$155.00/hour
Consultative Services	\$155.00/hour
Review/Observation/Intake (ROI) Provided by the Coordinator/Supervisor of the Itinerant Program	\$250.00/hour

31. approval is hereby given to purchase assorted kitchen equipment and supplies from Singer Equipment Company, Inc. for the Valley Road Elementary School kitchen at a total cost of \$22,620.49 which will be funded from the Cafeteria Account.

32. authorization is hereby given for the cancellation of outdated, outstanding checks from the Operating account as listed on Attachment A.

33. 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 June 30, 2018. The Board notes that the Secretary’s and Treasurer’s reports are in balance for the cash receipts and disbursements for the month ended June 30, 2018 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 June 30, 2018 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 June 30, 2018, 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.

34. the Board of Education hereby approves the Monthly Transfer Report for the month ended June 30, 2018. (Attachment B)

35. the Bill List submitted in the amount of \$1,234,435.02 for August 14, 2018 is hereby approved and payment authorized as funds of the board are made available following this meeting.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

- New hires:
 - a. Nicole Barbuto (Grade 2 Leave Replacement Teacher at FKH): M.A. and B.A. from FDU Student taught in Westfield
 - b. Mary Bryda (OT): Master’s and Bachelor’s from SHU Therapist for Kids Care (School and Clinic-Based Pediatrics in Union City and North Bergen)
 - c. Danielle Catarino (Speech/Language Specialist): M.A. from Kean University and B.S. from St. John’s University
Worked at Lakeview School and was an adjunct professor at Kean
 - d. Nicole Deegan (CHK Special Education): M.Ed. and B.A. from William Paterson University Paterson Public Schools
 - e. John Griffith (CHK Special Education): M.Ed. from Rutgers University and B.A. from McDaniel College
Scotch Plains-Fanwood School District
 - f. Andrew Zlotnick (CHK Special Education): B.S. from TCNJ
Leave Position at Chatham Middle School
- Special Olympics Unified Sports programs (Soccer and Basketball)
- Every district is required to report to the public yearly detailing the number of incidents of violence, vandalism, substances, weapons, and confirmed HIB cases that have been recorded for the previous school year, in this case September 2017 through June 2018.

29 cases were reported for the entire district, that being 24 at ALJ, two at CHK, two at FKH, and one at VRS. Clark has always had a low number of reportable cases and this has continued through the 2017-2018 school year.

- New teacher orientation the last week in August
- Administrator’s opening meeting that last week too
- Teachers return on Tues., Sept. 4 (two PD days) and students on Thurs., Sept. 6
- Genesis: Letter to parents and information on district website. Check there for sign-off forms too.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

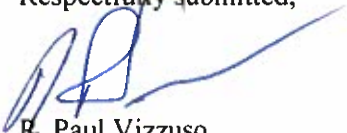
The floor was opened to the public at 7:15 p.m. and immediately closed with no comments from the audience.

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 7:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



R. Paul Vizzuso
Business Administrator/Board Secretary
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Attachment A – List of Outdated, Outstanding Checks
Attachment B – June Monthly Transfer Report