

Board of Education of the Township of Clark, Union County, NJ
Regular Meeting Minutes April 12, 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 7:00 p.m. and was held in the Auditorium 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 5:35 P.M.

Present: Lorraine j. Aklonis
Robert Brede (Exited 6:40 P.M.)
Laura Caliguire
Christine Guerriero, Garwood Representative
Thomas Lewis
Robert Smorol
Henry R. Varriano
Jill Curran, President

Absent: Scott Bohm
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
Second: Laura Caliguire

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:

- | | | |
|-------------------------------------|--|-------|
| <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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 6. Public Safety Procedures | _____ |

- 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: Henry R. Varriano

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 5:35 p.m. until 6:50 p.m. After a 10 minute recess the following roll call was taken:

OPENING 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 7:00 P.M.

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

Absent: Scott Bohm
 Robert Brede
 Steven Donkersloot, Vice President

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION SHOWCASE OF SUCCESS:

(This portion of the meeting followed the Report of the Superintendent, Student Board Member Update and the Hearing of the Public)

Governor’s Educators of the Year

Perfect 2017 Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) Scores

Arthur L. Johnson High School (ALJ) Bowling Team

North II Group 1 Sectional State Championship

ALJ Cheerleaders

2018 New Jersey – Group 2 State Champions

Robert Smorol, Board Member- Congratulated the cheer and bowling athletes as Athletic Committee Chairperson and on behalf of the Board of Education.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: Lorraine j. Aklonis
Second: Laura Caliguire

Roll Call: Yes: 7 No: 0 Abstain: 1 Christine Guerriero – Exec Session Minutes #2
Minutes March 19, 2018

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 March 19, 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 7:02 p.m. and immediately closed with no comments from the audience.

PERSONNEL

RESOLUTION BY BLOCK VOTE (1-7)

Motion: Lorraine j. Aklonis
Second: Laura Caliguire

Roll Call: Yes: 7 No: 0 Abstain: 1 Christine Guerriero - #1, 2, 4

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 retirement of Kathleen Scarola, teacher (21 years of service), from the Clark Public Schools (FKH/VRS) and TPAF, effective July 1, 2018, is hereby approved with best wishes.
2. Devin Glinsky is hereby appointed as a maternity leave replacement teacher (for Grade Four Teacher Jennifer Guenther) for the Clark Public Schools (VRS), for the 2017-2018 school year, effective on or about April 30, 2018 to on or about June 30, 2018, at the annual salary of \$52,540.00 (BA Step 4), pro rata.
3. Janice Gossman and Ellen Zamboni are hereby approved as the Club Advisors (volunteer) for the Active Minds Mental Health Awareness Club at Arthur L. Johnson High School.
4. Employee #1861 is hereby terminated effective March 29, 2018.
5. Melissa Vogel, teacher for the Clark Public Schools (District), is hereby granted a maternity/disability leave commencing on or about September 4, 2018; and
Be it further resolved that Melissa Vogel shall use approximately twenty (20) accumulated unused sick days at the beginning of this leave; and
Be it further resolved that once the approximately twenty (20) 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 January 11, 2019.

- 6. the following individuals are hereby approved for the “Other Than 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>
Music Director (Musical)	Rebecca Dias	\$3,159.50 (yr. 4)(split)
	Kelly Larkins	\$2,423.50 (yr. 3)(split)

- 7. the following individuals are hereby appointed as substitutes for the Clark Public Schools for the 2017-2018 school year:

Substitute Teacher

Emma Gilardi	(UC)
Devin Glinsky	(NJ Elementary School Teacher K-6)
Timothy Mooney	(UC-BA)
Fabiana Rocha	(UC)

Substitute Aide

Emma Gilardi
Germaine Guzman
Trevor Keller
Fabiana Rocha

CURRICULUM/EDUCATION

RESOLUTION BY BLOCK VOTE (8-9)

Motion: Thomas Lewis
 Second: Henry R. Varriano

Roll Call: Yes: 7 No: 0 Abstain: 1 Christine Guerriero - #9

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

- 8. 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:

Accelerate Your Students’ Use of the Target Language: Interactive, High-Engagement Activities That Work (Grades 6-12) on Friday, May 4, 2018, 8:00 a.m. – 3:15 p.m. at The Mansion on Main Street, Voorhees, NJ at the cost of \$239.00 – Jessica Lopez-Otalvaro

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

Destination: Six Flags Great Adventure and Safari
 Jackson, NJ
Date: 05/14/2018 **Grade(s):** 4
School: Valley Road School
No. of Adults: 15 **No. of Students:** 78
Cost to BOE: \$1,500.00

Destination: Dardo Galletto Studios / Palace Theater
 New York, NY
Date: 06/13/2018 **Grade(s):** 6-8
School: Carl H. Kumpf Middle School
 School Musical / Drama Club
No. of Adults: 6 **No. of Students:** 42
Cost to BOE: None

POLICY

RESOLUTION BY BLOCK VOTE (10)

Motion: Lorraine j. Aklonis
Second: Christine Guerriero

Roll Call: Yes: 7 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

10. the Clark Board of Education adopts the following policy on first reading. A copy of this document is on file in the Board Office.

Policy
 P 8110 Attendance Areas

BOARD GOVERNANCE

RESOLUTION BY BLOCK VOTE (11-15)

Motion: Laura Caliguire
Second: Lorraine j. Aklonis

Roll Call: Yes: 7 No: 0 Abstain: 1 Christine Guerriero - #12-14

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

- 11. approval is hereby given for the establishment of the Behavioral Disabilities class for students in Grades 9-12, beginning September 1, 2018.
- 12. approval is hereby given for the establishment of the Multiple Disabilities class for students in Grades 3-5, beginning September 1, 2018.
- 13. approval is hereby given for a \$25 per sibling discount and a \$30 district employee discount, of which only one of the two can be applied, for the “Clark Connects to the Past” program.

- 14. approval is hereby given for a study on the impact of meditation techniques on stress levels among staff members who volunteer to participate in the study at Valley Road School.
- 15. 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.

- 16. Administratively Withdrawn

FINANCE

RESOLUTION BY BLOCK VOTE (17-21)

Motion: Robert Smorol
Second: Henry R. Varriano

Roll Call: Yes: 7 No: 0 Abstain: 1 Christine Guerriero - #18

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

- 17. approval is hereby given to enter into an agreement with Professional Education Services, Inc.to provide services for student #021383 (high school) from March 20, 2018 to on or about May 1, 2018 for two hours per day, at a tuition rate of \$30 per hour, not to exceed \$1,800.00
- 18. approval is hereby given for the following out-of-district placement and tuition, for the remaining 2017-2018 school year, retroactive February 26, 2018:

Student #	Placement	Tuition
7344011298 (Middle School)	Academy 360-Lower School	\$27,735.24

- 19. approval is hereby given for the out-of-district placement and tuition for the 2018 Extended School Year Program for the following students:

Student #	Placement	Tuition
3141572918 (High School)	Developmental Learning Center-Warren ESY	\$15,117.00

- 20. a donation in the amount of \$1,000.00 to the Arthur L. Johnson High School for activities associated with the Special Services Unified Sports Team is hereby accepted from the Arthur L. Johnson PTA with appreciation.
- 21. the Bill List submitted in the amount of \$1,057,995.34 for April 13, 2018 is hereby approved and payment authorized as funds of the board are made available following this meeting.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

- Mrs. Scarola retirement (21 yrs.)
- New programs to continue to meet the needs of our special needs students.
- \$1,000.00 for the Unified Sports Team from the ALJ PTA. Our student athletes competed with our special needs students. Ms. DiIorio and Mrs. Rosenmeier were the coaches.
- Clark Connects to the Past Discount: \$25 per sibling discount and \$30 district employee off \$250 cost. Same discount offered for Camp Invention.
- UC Unsung Heroes Recognition Program on Wed., March 14: ALJ Senior Gabriella Smith.
- Districtwide Band Bonanza this past Tues.
- ALJ music program trip to Disney and Universal Studios in Florida as we speak to perform
- New security procedures went into place this week. Reminder of them on district website.
- Marc Mero: Wed., April 25 at 7 p.m. in ALJ Aud. discussing bullying, substance abuse, goal setting, dreaming big, making positive choices, and reaching one’s highest potential. He will speak at CHK to grades seven and eight during the day. Thanks to CEF.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

STUDENT BOARD MEMBER UPDATE

Saga Elsekhely reported to the board on activities for ALJ, CHK, FKH, VRS and CPA.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

The floor was opened to the public at 7:11 p.m. and immediately closed with no comments from the audience.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Christine Guerriero
 Seconded: Lorraine j. Aklonis

BE IT RESOLVED, that with no further business to come before the Clark Board of Education, the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

R. Paul Vizzuso
 Business Administrator/Board Secretary
 fm