

**Board of Education of the Township of Clark, Union County, NJ**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes March 19, 2018**

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This meeting opened at 5:40 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, matters of personnel, litigation or contract matters, public safety, and/or attorney/client privilege. The Public Session of this meeting began at 7:20 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 5:40 P.M.**

**Present:** Lorraine j. Aklonis  
Scott Bohm  
Robert Brede  
Laura Caliguire  
Steven Donkersloot, Vice President  
Christine Guerriero, Garwood Representative  
Thomas Lewis  
Robert Smorol  
Henry R. Varriano  
Jill Curran, 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: 10 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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|--------------|--|-------|
| <u>  X  </u> | 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         | _____ |
| <u>  X  </u> | 6. Public Safety Procedures                                    | _____ |
| <u>  X  </u> | 7. Litigation or Contract Matters or Attorney/Client Privilege | _____ |

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

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**MOTION TO ADJOURN CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion: Christine Guerriero  
 Seconded: Lorraine j. Aklonis

**Roll Call:** Yes: 10 No: 0 Abstain: 0

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

The Board met in Executive Session from 5:40 p.m. until 7:20 p.m. After a 2-minute recess the following roll call was taken:

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**PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**

**ROLL CALL 7:22 P.M.**

**Present:** Lorraine j. Aklonis  
 Scott Bohm  
 Carmen Brocato  
 Laura Caliguire  
 Steven Donkersloot, Vice President  
 Thomas Lewis  
 Robert Smorol  
 Henry R. Varriano  
 Jill Curran, President

**Absent:** Christine Guerriero, Garwood Representative

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

**PRESENTATION OF THE 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR AUDIT**

**Andrew Parente of Lerch, Vinci & Higgins**

**PRESENTATION OF TENTATIVE ANNUAL SCHOOL BUDGET**

**R. Paul Vizzuso**

**Edward Grande, Superintendent of Schools** - Explained that the audit presentation was on the 2016-17 school year and not the current, 2017-18, school year as those books do not close until June 30, 2018. He further explained that the budget presentation is for the 2018-19 school year.

**FLOOR OPEN TO PUBLIC FOR QUESTIONS/COMMENTS REGARDING THE TENTATIVE ANNUAL SCHOOL BUDGET**

The floor was opened to the public at 7:31 p.m. and immediately closed with no comments from the

audience.

**APPROVE SUBMISSION OF TENTATIVE BUDGET 2018 - 2019**

Motion: Robert Brede  
Second: Robert Smorol

**Roll Call:** Yes: 9 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**

the tentative budget be approved for the 2018-2019 School Year using the 2018-2019 state aid figures and the Secretary to the Board of Education be authorized to submit the following tentative budget to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools for approval in accordance with the statutory deadline. With the submission of this budget the Board approves that the budget will not exceed the 2% CAP.

And to advertise said tentative budget in the Home News Tribune in accordance with the form suggested by the State Department of Education and according to law; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a public hearing be held in the Clark Council Chambers, Clark, New Jersey on Wednesday, May 2, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on the budget for the 2018-2019 School Year.

	<u>GENERAL FUND</u>	<u>SPECIAL REVENUES</u>	<u>DEBT SERVICE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<b>2018-19 Total Expenditures</b>	\$35,881,689	\$ 968,792	\$ 1,355,032	\$38,205,513
<b>Less: Anticipated Revenues</b>	<u>\$ 4,473,138</u>	<u>\$ 968,792</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 5,441,930</u>
<b>Taxes to be Raised</b>	<u>\$31,408,551</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$1,355,032</u>	<u>\$32,763,583</u>

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion: Lorraine j. Aklonis  
Second: Steven Donkersloot

**Roll Call:** Yes: 8 No: 0 Abstain: 1 Robert Smorol

**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 5, 2018 Regular Board Meeting
- Executive and Public Session minutes of the March 1, 2018 Special Workshop 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 7:33 p.m. and immediately closed with no comments from the audience.

PERSONNEL

**RESOLUTION BY BLOCK VOTE (1-15)**

Motion: Laura Caliguire  
Second: Lorraine j. Aklonis

Roll Call: Yes: 9 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**

1. the retirement of Jan Gigl, teacher (19 years of service), from the Clark Public Schools (CHK) and TPAF, effective July 1, 2018, is hereby accepted with best wishes.
2. item two from the July 24, 2017 minutes is hereby amended to reflect that the salary for the 2017-2018 school year may be adjusted per contract negotiations.
3. the resignation of Lori Menzo, paraprofessional aide, from the Clark Public Schools, is hereby accepted effective March 9, 2018.
4. the resignation of Danielle Fortunato, before/after care aide, from the Clark Public Schools, is hereby accepted effective March 6, 2018.
5. Suzana Lopes is hereby appointed as a teacher for the Clark Public Schools (VRS), for the 2017-2018 school year, effective on or about March 20, 2018, at the annual salary of \$52,540.00 (BA Step 4), pro rata, pending a criminal history background check and a complete health physical.
6. Krista O'Connor is hereby appointed as a school nurse for the Clark Public Schools (CHK), for the 2017-2018 school year, effective on or about March 20, 2018, 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. Anne Nelson is hereby appointed as a maternity leave replacement teacher (for Grade Two Teacher Sharon Pinto) for the Clark Public Schools (VRS), for the 2017-2018 school year, effective on or about April 9, 2018 to on or about June 8, 2018, at the annual salary of \$52,540.00 (BA Step 4), pro rata.
8. Trevor Keller is hereby appointed as a before/after care aide for the Clark Public Schools, for the 2017-2018 school year, effective on or about March 20, 2018, at a rate of \$13.50 per hour, without benefits, pending a criminal history background check and a complete health physical.
9. Employee #0752 is hereby directed to undergo a fitness for duty evaluation and placed on a paid administrative leave pending medical clearance.
10. Jennifer Guenther, teacher for the Clark Public Schools (VRS), is hereby granted a maternity/disability leave commencing on or about April 30, 2018; and  
**Be it further resolved** that Jennifer Guenther shall use approximately forty (40) accumulated unused sick days at the beginning of this leave; and  
**Be it further resolved** that once the approximately forty (40) 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 13, 2018.

11. Jenna Schiro, teacher for the Clark Public Schools (VRS), is hereby granted a maternity/disability leave commencing on or about May 23, 2018; and

**Be it further resolved** that Jenna Schiro 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 November 27, 2018.

12. the following individual is hereby approved for the Spring “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:**

**Position**

Spring Track & Field

**Name**

Andrew Zub

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

**Carl H. Kumpf Middle School**

**APPOINT:**

**Position**

Lacrosse

**Name**

Alexander Torres

14. the following individual is hereby approved as a home instructor for the Clark Public Schools on an “as needed basis” at the rate of \$30.00 per hour, pending a criminal history background check:

**Home Instructor**

Kimberly Bennett

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

**Substitute Teacher**

Jessica Bloom (UC-BS)

Lauren Hernandez (NJ Teacher of Health & PE)

Annemarie Lamberti (NJ Elementary School Teacher K-6)

Suzana Lopes (NJ Elementary School Teacher K-6)

Anne Nelson (NJ Elementary School Teacher K-6)

Annabella Ross (UC-BS)

**Substitute Aide**

Caroline Kearney

Owen Seaver

**CURRICULUM/EDUCATION**

**RESOLUTION BY BLOCK VOTE (16-18)**

Motion: Lorraine j. Aklonis

Second: Steven Donkersloot

**Roll Call:** Yes: 9 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**

16. the establishment of the Active Minds Mental Health Awareness Club (volunteer) at Arthur L. Johnson High School is hereby approved.

17. 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:

“Get Your Tech On” Conference on Monday, March 26, 2018 – Tuesday, March 27, 2018, 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at Sheraton Pentagon City Hotel, Arlington, VA at the cost of \$230.24 (lodging) – Nicole Reagan and Kelly Cahill

Decrease Attention – Getting and Tantrum Behaviors: Practical Solutions (Preschool-Second Grade) on Thursday, May 10, 2018, 8:30 a.m. – 3:15 p.m. at The Wilshire Grand Hotel, West Orange, NJ at the cost of \$259.00 (conference) – Janeen Allmendinger

14<sup>th</sup> Annual Schools to Watch Conference on Wednesday, June 27, 2018 – Saturday, June 30, 2018, 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Crystal Gateway Marriott, Arlington, VA at the cost of \$468.65 (conference) and the cost of \$648.00 (lodging) – Richard Delmonaco

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

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|--|-----------------------------|
| <b>Destination:</b> The Astor House<br>New York, NY            |                             |
| <b>Date:</b> 03/22/2018  | <b>Grade(s):</b> 9-12       |
| <b>School:</b> Arthur L. Johnson High School<br>Euro Challenge |                             |
| <b>No. of Adults:</b> 1  | <b>No. of Students:</b> 5   |
| <b>Cost to BOE:</b> None                                       |                             |
|  |                             |
| <b>Destination:</b> Clark Businesses<br>Clark, NJ              |                             |
| <b>Date:</b> 04/12/2018  | <b>Grade(s):</b> K-2        |
| <b>School:</b> Frank K. Hehnly School<br>K-2 Career Visits     |                             |
| <b>No. of Adults:</b> 38                                       | <b>No. of Students:</b> 245 |
| <b>Cost to BOE:</b> \$1,050.00                                 |                             |

**Destination:** Eastern St. Penitentiary & Mutter Museum  
Philadelphia, PA  
**Date:** 05/22/2018 **Grade(s):** 11-12  
**School:** Arthur L. Johnson High School  
Psychology Classes  
**No. of Adults:** 10 **No. of Students:** 100  
**Cost to BOE:** None

**Destination:** NBC Studios  
Rockefeller Center, NY  
**Date:** 05/22/2018 **Grade(s):** 6-8  
**School:** Carl H. Kumpf Middle School  
kTV Program  
**No. of Adults:** 3 **No. of Students:** 20  
**Cost to BOE:** None

**Destination:** Pocono Valley Resort  
Reeders, PA  
**Date:** 06/07/2018 **Grade(s):** 12  
**School:** Arthur L. Johnson High School  
Senior Class  
**No. of Adults:** 15 **No. of Students:** 144  
**Cost to BOE:** None

**POLICY**

**RESOLUTION BY BLOCK VOTE (19)**

**Motion:** Robert Brede  
**Second:** Henry Varriano

**Roll Call:** Yes: 9 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**

19. 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.

**Policies**

- P 0169.02 Board Member Use of Social Networks
- P 3437 Military Leave
- P 4437 Military Leave
- P 5516.01 Student Tracking Devices
- P 7425 Lead Testing of Water in Schools
- P 7440 School District Security (M)
- P 8630 Bus Driver/Bus Aide Responsibility (M)
- P 9242 Use of Electronic Signatures

**Regulations**

- R 5460.1 High School Transcripts (M)
- R 7101 Educational Adequacy of Capital Projects
- R 7440 School District Security (M)
- R 8630 Emergency School Bus Procedures (M)

**BOARD GOVERNANCE**

**RESOLUTION BY BLOCK VOTE (20-27)**

Motion: Steven Donkersloot  
Second: Lorraine j. Aklonis

**Jill Curran, Board President**-Commented that the school calendar for the 2018-19 school year would be posted on the District web site upon approval.

**Roll Call:** Yes: 9 No: 0 Abstain: 1 Jill Curran #24

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

- 20. the School Calendar for the 2018-2019 School Year is hereby approved. (Attachment A)
- 21. approval is hereby to given for the Clark Public Schools Extended School Year Program for classified students PSD-ABA, PSD, MD-ABA and LLD1, located at the Clark Preschool, from Monday, July 2, 2018 – Tuesday, July 31, 2018 (no program July 4, 2018), from 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
- 22. approval is hereby given for the Clark Public Schools Extended School Year Program for classified students LLD2, LLD3, LLD4 and Transition, located at Arthur L. Johnson High School, from Monday, July 2, 2018 – Tuesday, July 31, 2018 (no program July 4, 2018), from 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
- 23. the confidential Settlement Agreement and General Release between the Clark Board of Education and Clark Education Association and its member, Employee #0670, resolving the matter docketed before the Public Employment Relations Commission as AR-2017-503, and directing the Administration to take all actions necessary to effectuate the terms of the Agreement, is hereby approved. A copy of the Settlement Agreement is on file in the Board Secretary’s Office.
- 24. 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.



25. the following student from East Stroudsburg University is hereby approved for an Internship/Practicum in the Clark Public Schools as listed:

<u>Student</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>School</u>
Casey Dohn	March 20, 2018 – May 31, 2018	ALJ (Mathematics)

26. the following student from Stockton University is hereby approved for an Internship/Practicum in the Clark Public Schools as listed:

<u>Student</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>School</u>
Jessica Sbarro	March 20, 2018 – June 21, 2018	District (OT)

27. the following student from Union County College is hereby approved for an Internship/Practicum in the Clark Public Schools as listed:

<u>Student</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>School</u>
Francesca Rego	March 20, 2018 – May 1, 2018	ALJ (Health & PE)

**FINANCE**

**RESOLUTION BY BLOCK VOTE (28-37)**

Motion: Robert Smorol  
Second: Scott Bohm

**Roll Call:** Yes: 9 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**

28. approval is hereby given to enter into an agreement with Professional Education Services, Inc. to provide educational instruction for student #8247946202 (high school) for approximately four to six weeks retroactive to March 5, 2018 at a rate of \$30.00 per hour totaling \$300.00 per week, for an approximate total of \$1,800.00.

29. approval is hereby given to enter into an agreement with Professional Education Services, Inc. to provide educational instruction for student #9050589848 (high school) for approximately four to six weeks retroactive to February 9, 2018 at a rate of \$30.00 per hour totaling \$300.00 per week, for an approximate total of \$1,800.00.

30. approval is hereby given to enter into an agreement with Professional Education Services, Inc. to provide educational instruction for student #9097852016 (high school) for approximately four to six weeks retroactive to January 29, 2018 at a rate of \$30.00 per hour totaling \$300.00 per week, for an approximate total of \$1,800.00.

31. approval is hereby given for the following out-of-district placement and tuition for the remaining 2017-2018 school year, effective March 19, 2018:

<b>Student #</b>	<b>Placement</b>	<b>Tuition</b>
8789022142 (elementary)	ABA4 U, LLC	\$38,250.00

32. approval is hereby given to enter an agreement with Elizabeth Murtha, MA CCC SLP to provide the following speech therapy services to student #4352107650 (elementary) for the remaining 2017–2018 school year effective March 20, 2018, at a rate of \$50.00 per 30-minute session:

Direct Therapy/Indirect Therapy: Includes 2 monthly direct 30-minute therapy sessions and monthly collaboration with Teacher of the Deaf and district Speech Language Specialist

33. Whereas, the Clark Board of Education desires to become a member of the Somerset County Cooperative Pricing System, #2-SOCCP, effective March 20, 2018 and that such membership shall be for the period ending December 31, 2018, and each renewal, thereafter of the system, unless the Clark Public Schools elects to formally withdraw from the system;

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Business Administrator/Board Secretary is hereby authorized to execute the agreement for such membership at no cost to the Board.

34. the Clark Board of Education hereby elects to participate in the Health Program provided by the New Jersey State Health Benefits Act of the State of New Jersey (N.J.S.A. 52:14-17.26 and N.J.S.A. 52:14-17.46.2) and to authorize coverage for all the employees and their dependents thereunder in accordance with the statute and regulations adopted by the State Health Benefits Commission and/or School Employees' Health Benefits Commission.

A.  We elect to participate in the Employee Prescription Drug Plan defined by N.J.S.A. 52:14-17.25 et seq. and authorize coverage for all employees and their dependents in accordance with the statute and regulations adopted by the State Health Benefits Commission and/or School Employees' Health Benefits Commission.

B.  We will be maintaining Benecard as our prescription drug plan. This plan is comparable in design to the State Employee Prescription Drug Plan.

C.  We will not have a stand-alone prescription drug plan and understand that prescription drug coverage will be provided based on the medical plan chosen by the subscriber.

D.  We elect to participate in the Employee Dental Plans defined by N.J.S.A. 52:14-17.25 et seq. and authorize coverage for all employees and their dependents in accordance with the statute and regulations adopted by the State Health Benefits Commission.

E.  We will be maintaining Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield as our dental plan.

F.  We will not have a dental plan.

We elect 30 hours per week (average) as the minimum requirement for full time status in accordance with N.J.A.C. 17:9-4.6.

As a participating employer, we will remit to the State Treasury all charges due on account of employee and dependent coverage and periodic charges in accordance with the requirements of the statute and the rules and regulations duly promulgated thereunder.

We hereby appoint the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to act as certifying Officer in the administration of this program.

This resolution shall take place immediately and coverage shall be effective as of 7/1/2018 or as soon thereafter as it may be effectuated pursuant to the statutes and regulations (can be no less than 75 or 90 days pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 17:9-1.4).

35. 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 months ended January 31, 2018 (on file in the Business Office) and February 28, 2018. The Board notes that the Secretary's and Treasurer's reports are in balance for the cash receipts and disbursements for the months ended January 31, 2018 and February 28, 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 January 31, 2018 and February 28, 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 January 31, 2018 and February 28, 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.

36. the Board of Education hereby approves the Monthly Transfer Reports for the months ended January 31, 2018 and February 28, 2018. (Attachment B)
37. the Bill List submitted in the amount of \$1,606,876.22 for March 20, 2018 is hereby approved and payment authorized as funds of the board are made available following this meeting.

#### REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

- 2016-17 Audit and 2018-19 Tentative Budget thanks to Mr. Vizzuso, Finance Committee led by Mr. Smorol, and entire Board
- Gigl retirement (19 years of service)
- 18-19 Calendar: Distributed via Honeywell and posted on district website, Facebook and Twitter
- Active Minds Mental Health Awareness Club at ALJ
- "Get Your Tech On" Conference next week for Reagan and Cahill; Thanks to CEF
- FKH Career Day for grades K-2 in mid-April
- Extended School Year for students with special needs
- Read Across America on Fri., March 2 at CPA, FKH, and VRS
- National Honor Society Induction Ceremony and Dinner on Tues., Feb. 27
- Football banquet on Sun. March 4: Thanks to Mrs. Carol DelConte
- ALJ bowling team captured the North II Group 1 Sectional State Championship
- School Plays: CHK's *Cinderella* and VRS's *Annie Jr.*; FKH's *Mary Poppins Jr.* on March 20 and 21; ALJ's *Sweeney Todd* on March 22 to 24
- PARCC upcoming; Results will be used for placement for 19-20 SY
- Spring recess: Fri., March 30 to Fri., April 6
- 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.

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES**

**Jill Curran, Board President**-Commented that a security committee was created to review safety/security within the district and that enhancements will be implemented starting April 9<sup>th</sup>. A letter was distributed explaining the changes to improve safety.

**Lorraine j. Aklonis, Board Member**-Commented that the PARCC test judges academic progress in language art and literacy. She discouraged parents from allowing their children to not take the test or to not take it seriously. She stressed that the results can impact the students' schedules next year. As a result, she encouraged students to take the test and to do the best they can.

**Robert Smorol, Board Member**-Acknowledged Paul Vizzuso for his efforts to clean up the controls with respect to Business Office processes and stated that the Board was very pleased with the audit results.

**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 7:48 p.m.

**Jessica Lopez-Otalvaro, Teacher**-Expressed concerns over the kindergarten situation, namely the number of students in the classroom and the importance of "social" programs such as Apple Fest, book fairs, plant sales, buddy classes etc. as part of the educational experience.

**Edward Grande-Superintendent of Schools**-Explained that timely registrations will be housed at the "home" school and that registrations received from now until September may be placed at Brewer. He commented that the Board is sensitive to the desire to maintain low class size while providing sound educational experiences and taking into consideration parents' preferences for "home" school placement.

**Rania Hassan, 37 Prescott Turn, Clark**-Commented that she prepared a letter to the Board that she will email to them regarding a situation involving her child. She requested the opportunity to read excerpts from the letter as there was a resolution on the agenda this evening.

**Jill Curran, Board President, Scott Bohm and Laura Caliguire, Board Members**-Explained to Mrs. Hassan that due to confidentiality of students, she would not be able to speak in public. Instead, an opportunity to speak during a closed, executive session following the Board meeting was offered.

The floor was closed at 7:55 p.m.

**MOTION TO GO INTO CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion: Laura Caliguire  
Seconded: Steven Donkersloot

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- 9. Imposition of Penalties upon an Individual \_\_\_\_\_

The board entered closed executive session at 7:56 p.m.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion: Laura Caliguire

Seconded: Robert Brede

**Roll Call:** Yes: 9 No: 0 Abstain: 0

The board was in closed executive session until 8:25 p.m. This closed session was followed by an open session where NO action was taken.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: Lorraine j. Aklonis

Seconded: Robert Smorol

BE IT RESOLVED, that with no further business to come before the Clark Board of Education, the meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



R. Paul Vizzuso

Business Administrator/Board Secretary

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Attachment A – School Calendar for the 2018-2019 School Year

Attachment B – January and February Monthly Transfer Reports

**CLARK PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
Clark, New Jersey

**SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR**

*\*Early Dismissal for the teaching staff & students on the same day of their school's  
Back-to-School Night and PreK-5 Conferences*

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SCHOOL CLOSINGS</u>	<u>NUMBER OF DAYS</u>	
		<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Students</u>
<b>September</b>		<b>17</b>	<b>15</b>
4 & 5 (Tues. & Wed.)	Teachers Report (Professional Development for Staff)		
6 (Thurs.)	Students Return		
10 (Mon.)	Schools Closed – Rosh Hashanah		
19 (Wed.)	Schools Closed – Yom Kippur		
*24 (Mon.)	<i>Valley Road School Back-to-School Night</i>		<i>-Early Dismissal VRS Students &amp; Staff</i>
*25 (Tues.)	<i>Arthur L. Johnson High School Back-to-School Night</i>		<i>-Early Dismissal ALJ Students &amp; Staff</i>
*26 (Wed.)	<i>Frank K. Hehnly School Back-to-School Night</i>		<i>-Early Dismissal FKH Students &amp; Staff</i>
*27 (Thurs.)	<i>Carl H. Kumpf Middle School Back-to-School Night</i>		<i>-Early Dismissal CHK Students &amp; Staff</i>
<b>October</b>		<b>22</b>	<b>22</b>
*1 (Mon.)	<i>Clark Early Childhood Learning Center Back-to-School Night</i>		<i>-Early Dismissal CECLC Students &amp; Staff</i>
8 (Mon.)	Schools Closed - Columbus Day		
*25 (Wed.)	*ONLY – CECLC, FKH, and VRS Conferences – Early Dismissal		
<b>November</b>		<b>18</b>	<b>17</b>
6 (Tues.)	Schools Closed – Election Day/Professional Development for Staff		
8 & 9 (Thurs. & Fri.)	Schools Closed - NJEA Convention		
*14 (Wed.)	*ONLY – CECLC, FKH, and VRS Conferences – Early Dismissal		
21 (Wed.)	Early Dismissal for Students and Staff		
22 & 23 (Thurs. & Fri.)	Schools Closed - Thanksgiving Recess		
<b>December</b>		<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>
21 (Fri.)	Early Dismissal for Students and Staff		
24-31 (Mon.-Mon.)	Schools Closed - Winter Recess		
<b>January</b>		<b>21</b>	<b>21</b>
1 (Tues.)	Schools Closed – New Year's Day		
2 (Wed.)	Schools Reopen		
21 (Mon.)	Schools Closed – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day		
<b>February</b>		<b>19</b>	<b>19</b>
15 (Fri.)	Early Dismissal for Students/Prof. Development for Staff in P.M.		
18 (Mon.)	Schools Closed – Presidents' Day		
<b>March</b>		<b>21</b>	<b>21</b>
	No School Closures		
<b>April</b>		<b>17</b>	<b>17</b>
15-19 (Mon.-Fri.)	Schools Closed - Spring Recess/Good Friday/Passover		
22 (Mon.)	Schools Reopen		
<b>May</b>		<b>22</b>	<b>22</b>
24 (Fri.)	<i>Arthur L. Johnson High School Prom</i> Early Dismissal for ALJ Students		
27 (Mon.)	Schools Closed – Memorial Day		
<b>June</b>		<b>15</b>	<b>14</b>
18 (Tues.)	Early Dismissal for Students		
19 (Wed.)	Early Dismissal for Students		
20 (Thurs.)	Early Dismissal for Students ( <b>Last Day for Students</b> )		
21 (Fri.)	Professional Development for Staff ( <b>Last Day for Staff</b> )		
		<b>187</b>	<b>183</b>

**PLEASE NOTE:** The Clark School District may close for a number of days per year due to inclement weather. Three snow days are built into this calendar. If additional snow days are required, in order to complete a full school year of 180 days, and because *Project Graduation* locks the schedule to a specific day for graduation, the holidays may be reduced in the following order: Spring Recess 4/15/19; Spring Recess 4/16/19. Please be aware of these possibilities in planning vacation activities during the 2018-2019 school year. If all three snow days are not needed, schools will be closed for additional days in the following order: Easter Monday 4/22/19; Friday 6/7/19.

Transfers by Transfer Number

Clark Board of Education

Start date 1/1/2018 End date 1/31/2018

TR#	Transfer Description	Amount	To Account	From Account
2270	01/12/18 BUDGET TRANSFER	238,737.50	11-000-261-100-00-0000 SALARIES - MAINT SCHOOL FAC	11-000-262-100-00-0000 SALARIES-BUILDINGS & GROUND
2274	01/12/18 BUDGET TRANSFER	238,737.50	11-000-262-100-00-0000 SALARIES-BUILDINGS & GROUND	11-000-261-100-00-0000 SALARIES - MAINT SCHOOL FAC
2277	01/19/18 BUDGET TRANSFERS	5,000.00	11-150-100-320-00-0000 HOME INSTUCTION - PURCH.PRC	11-150-100-101-00-0000 SALARIES-HOME INSTRUCTION
2280	01/31/18 BUDGET TRANSFER	295.00	11-000-213-100-00-000A HEALTH SERVICES-SUBSTITUTE	
		1,538.00	11-000-213-330-00-0000 HEALTH SERVICES-PURCH PROF	
		8,154.14	11-000-217-100-00-000A STUDENT EXTRA SERV.	
		1,330.00	11-000-230-590-00-0000 OTHER PURCHASED SERVICES	
		2,527.33	11-000-230-610-00-0000 SUPPLIES	
		898.47	11-000-230-890-00-0000 MISCELLANEOUS EXPENDITURE:	
		35,663.28	11-000-240-104-00-0000 SALARIES - SUPERVISORS	
		1,645.52	11-000-262-110-00-0000 SALARIES OT	
		5,000.00	11-150-100-101-00-0000 SALARIES-HOME INSTRUCTION	
		23,450.72	11-190-100-106-00-0000 SALARIES OF TA's	
		435.61	11-401-100-500-00-0006 EXTRACURR PURCH	
		1,833.00		11-000-213-100-00-0000 SALARIES
		8,154.14		11-000-217-100-00-0000 STUDENT EXTRA SERV. SALARIE
		4,755.80		11-000-230-331-00-0000 LEGAL SERVICES
		35,663.28		11-000-240-103-00-0000 SALARIES - PRINCIPAL & ASSIST.
		1,645.52		11-000-262-420-00-0000 OPERATION OF BUILDING &
		28,450.72		11-120-100-101-00-0000 SALARIES-TEACHERS GRADES
		435.61		11-401-100-800-00-0006 EXTRACURR OTHER OBJECTS-AI
2289	01/31/18 BUDGET TRANSFER	663.00	11-000-213-330-00-0000 HEALTH SERVICES-PURCH PROF	
		885.00	11-000-230-590-00-0000 OTHER PURCHASED SERVICES	
		663.00		11-000-213-100-00-0000 SALARIES
		885.00		11-000-230-331-00-0000 LEGAL SERVICES

647,487.14 Report Total

Transfers by Transfer Number

Start date 2/1/2018

End date 2/28/2018

Clark Board of Education

TR#	Transfer Description	Amount	To Account	From Account
2281	02/06/18 BUDGET TRANSFER	10,700.00	12-204-100-730-00-0000 LLD ROOM RENOVATIONS	12-000-400-334-00-00006 ARCHITECTURAL SVCS
2290	02/28/18 BUDGET TRANSFER	3,141.72	11-000-100-562-00-0000 TUITION OTHER LEAS WITHIN ST/	
		4,745.00	11-000-213-100-00-0000A HEALTH SERVICES-SUBSTITUTE	
		256.18	11-000-213-600-00-0004 HEALTH SERVICES SUPPLIES &	
		542.43	11-000-217-100-00-0000A STUDENT EXTRA SERV.	
		6,457.00	11-000-230-590-00-0000 OTHER PURCHASED SERVICES	
		39.98	11-000-230-890-00-0000 MISCELLANEOUS EXPENDITURE:	
		170.34	11-000-230-895-00-0000 BOE DUES & FEES	
		50,032.84	11-000-240-104-00-0000 SALARIES - SUPERVISORS	
		12,573.80	11-190-100-106-00-0000 SALARIES OF TA'S	
		23,246.44	11-213-100-106-00-0000A SUB SALARIES'	
		5,001.18		11-000-213-100-00-0000 SALARIES
		542.43		11-000-217-100-00-0000 STUDENT EXTRA SERV. SALARIE
		6,667.32		11-000-230-331-00-0000 LEGAL SERVICES
		50,032.84		11-000-240-103-00-0000 SALARIES - PRINCIPAL & ASSIST.
		3,141.72		11-000-262-420-00-0000 OPERATION OF BUILDING &
		12,573.80		11-110-100-101-00-0000 SALARIES-TEACHERS
		23,246.44		11-213-100-106-00-0000 OTHER SALARIES - RESOURCE
2291	02/28/18 BUDGET TRANSFER	3,141.72	11-000-262-110-00-0000 SALARIES OT	11-000-262-420-00-0000 OPERATION OF BUILDING &
		1,743.92	11-000-262-610-00-0000 OPERATION BUILD.& GRD. - GENI	11-000-262-420-00-0000 OPERATION OF BUILDING &
		1,166.42	11-000-263-420-00-0000 CARE & UPKEEP OF GROUNDS	11-000-262-420-00-0000 OPERATION OF BUILDING &

**219,163.52 Report Total**