CLINTON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES Special Meeting - July 1, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. Virtual Access



CALL TO ORDER: Ms. Lana Brennan called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

PUBLICATION OF NOTICE:

In accordance with the provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, Laws of 1975, adequate notice of this meeting was provided through public notice on June 23, 2020.

- a. Sent to three newspapers designated by the Board Hunterdon County Democrat, Hunterdon Review and Express Times.
- b. Posting on the District Website.
- c. Emailed to Clerk of Clinton Township.

2019/2020 DISTRICT GOALS:

- 1. To implement and integrate Social-Emotional Learning programs in grades Pre-K to eight by June of 2020.
- 2. To assess our current special services programs and services to identify strengths and needs and to create an action plan based on the results of the assessment.
- 3. To implement facilities upgrades and programming for safety and security in all buildings district wide to ensure the safety and security of students and staff.
- 4. To establish greater transparency and build trust by identifying and implementing strategies including expansion of the utility of our website, possible 2-way communication on the site, and branding of our district.

ROLL CALL:

	Present	Absent	Time of arrival after the meeting has been called to order.
Ms. Lana Brennan	Х		
Dr. Laura Brasher	Х		
Ms. Mary Beth Brooks		х	
Ms. Catherine Mary Emery	x		
Ms. Maria Grant	X		
Dr. Alison Grantham	X		
Mr. Scott Hornick	X		
Mrs. Jennifer Kaltenbach	Х		
Dr. Catherine Riihimaki	Х		

Also Present:

Dr. Johanna Ruberto, Interim Superintendent of Schools

Vito Gagliardi, Esq., Board Attorney

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Ms. Catherine Mary Emery led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PROCESS GUARDIAN: Dr. Catherine Riihimaki was appointed Process Guardian.

Motion to appoint Lana Brennan as Board Secretary in the absence of the Business Administrator/ Board Secretary for the July 1, 2020 Special Meeting.

Ms. Brennan Moved, Dr. Riihimaki Seconded Eight (8) Ayes. One (1) Absent. Motion Carried.

BOARD PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS/REPORT:

Ms. Brennan welcomed the new Superintendent.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Dr. Ruberto said she looks forward to working in the district. With the new guidance from the State we will need to have a plan for the fall prepared by August 1st.

FIRST RECOGNITION OF THE PUBLIC:

• Ms. Judi Hammond, Clinton Township Middle School Principal, thanked everyone for all the hard work they have done. She also gave shout outs to Mrs. Damanaskis for creating the CTMS good-bye video, Ms. Cormican for creating two awards videos, and Mr. Roberto and the 8th grade teachers for putting together a graduation video.

PERSONNEL:

Motion to approve Action Items 20-P-295 through 20-P-296

Action 20-P-295:

Motion to approve Mark Kramer for the position of Interim Business Administrator at a salary of \$550.00 a day for four (4) days a week, not to exceed \$130,000.00 annually effective July 1, 2020.

Action 20-P-296:

Motion to accept, with regret, the resignation of **Robyn Bennett**, Assistant to the Business Administrator effective June 30, 2020. PCR# 0000004

Board of Education Roll Call Vote Items 20-P-295 through 20-P-296

	Dr.	Ms.	Ms.	Ms.	Dr.	Mr.	Ms.	Dr.	Ms.
	Brasher	<u>Brooks</u>	Emery	<u>Grant</u>	<u>Grantham</u>	<u>Hornick</u>	<u>Kaltenbach</u>	<u>Riihimaki</u>	<u>Brennan</u>
Motion					х			2nd	
Aye	х		х	X	x	х	x	x	x
Aye Nay									
Abstain									
Absent		X							

SECOND RECOGNITION OF THE PUBLIC:

• Mr. Mark Kramer said he looked forward to working with everyone.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

WHEREAS, while the Sen. Byron M. Baer Open Public Meetings Act (N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq.) requires all meetings of the Clinton Township Board of Education to be held in public, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b) sets forth nine (9) types of matters that may lawfully be discussed in "Executive Session," i.e. without the public being permitted to attend, and

WHEREAS, the Clinton Township Board of Education has determined that the following issues are permitted by N.J.S.A. 10: 4-12(b) to be discussed without the public in attendance and shall be discussed during an Executive Session.

WHEREAS, the nature of the matter(s) to be discussed, reviewed, or heard before the Board, detailed as specifically as possible without undermining the need for confidentiality pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:37-13.2 et. seq., shall include <u>Personnel</u>.

WHEREAS, the length of the Executive Session is estimated to be <u>45 minutes</u>, after which the meeting shall reconvene and proceed with business wherein action may be taken.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Clinton Township Board of Education will go into Executive Session for the above stated reasons;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board hereby declares that its discussion of the aforementioned subject will be made public at such time as the reason for confidentiality no longer exists.

Motion made by Dr. Alison Grantham, seconded by Mrs. Jennifer Kaltenbach, to move to Executive Session at 7:57 p.m. (time).

8 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abstain; 1 Absent - Motion Carried.

RECONVENE TO PUBLIC SESSION:

Motion made by Dr. Catherine Riihimaki, seconded by Dr. Alison Grantham, to reconvene to Public Session at 9:06 p.m.

8 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abstain; 1 Absent Motion Carried.

Mr. Vito Gagliardi inquired if anyone on the board would like to make a motion, none were made.

ADJOURNMENT:

Action 20-AJ-022:

Motion made by Mr. Scott Hornick, seconded by Dr. Catherine Riihimaki, to adjourn the meeting of the Clinton Township Board of Education at 9:08 p.m.

8 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abstain; 1 Absent Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark Kramer

School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Board of Education Approved: 8/24/2020