CLINTON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
August 17, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.
Clinton Township Middle School Auditorium
34 Grayrock Rd, Clinton, NJ 08809

CALL TO ORDER: Ms. Brennan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PUBLICATION OF NOTICE:

In accordance with the provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 241, Laws of 1975, adequate notice of this meeting was provided through public notice on January 9, 2026.

a. Notice was sent to two newspapers designated by the Board: Express Times and Hunterdon Review.
b. Notice was posted on the District Website, the main bulletin board in the Administration Offices and in each Clinton Township School.
c. Notice was sent to the municipal clerk of Clinton Township.
d. Please note that this meeting will be streamed.

ROLL CALL:

Board Member	Present	Absent	Time of arrival after meeting called to order:
Dr. Andrew Clarke	X		
Mr. Matthew Fernandes		X	
Dr. Scott Hornick	X		
Ms. Jennifer Kaltenbach	X		
Ms. Kathryn Miller	X		
Ms. Vanessa Preston	X		
Mr. Daniel Rosa	X		
Dr. Michael Blumenfeld	X		
Ms. Lana Brennan	X		

ALSO PRESENT:
Dr. Melissa Stager, Superintendent
Murat Yazici, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Dr. Clarke led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

BOARD PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS/REPORT:

- **Welcome & Key Dates:** Board President Lana Brennan welcomed staff and families back for the 2026–2027 school year, thanking parent volunteers and noting upcoming half-days (Aug 27–28) and holiday closures (Sept 4 & 7).
- **Fiscal Pressures:** Highlighted external financial challenges facing the district, including health insurance premium increases of 30–40% in recent years, general inflation, and ongoing legal/financial liabilities associated with historic 1960s–1970s sexual abuse claims.

PRESENTATIONS:

- Technology in the Classroom: Sharing the Plan for Clarifying Use, Monitoring Time on Devices, Using the Research, and Exploring the Role of AI (Dr. Melissa Stager)

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

- Mission Statement
  - *The Clinton Township School District, every student inspired, every team member supported, and every family engaged.*
- Updates for Staff/Students for 2026-2027
- School Events - Walk the Classroom/Schedule, First Day, Classroom Meet and Greet, Back to School Night
- District Goals and Board Goals
- Administrative Retreat
- Board Retreat
- Beginning of the year Convocation
- NTO
- School Calendar
- ESY
- State Committees
- Taxes and School Funding
- Acknowledgements - The Buildings and Upgrades

SUPERINTENDENT'S ACTION ITEMS:

27-08 SU-01 APPROVAL OF SECOND READING OF HARASSMENT, INTIMIDATION AND BULLYING (HIB)

Action Item 27-08 SU-01
APPROVAL OF SECOND READING OF HARASSMENT, INTIMIDATION AND BULLYING (HIB)

BE IT RESOLVED, the Clinton Township Board of Education hereby affirms the second reading of the Superintendent of Schools**,** Dr. Melissa Stager's, recommendation for disciplinary

consequences and/or remedial actions as required by the State of New Jersey under the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights for the following reports:

- HIB Report Tracking Number 310964
- HIB Report Tracking Number 311159

Board of Education Roll Call Vote on Action Item 27-08 SU-01

	Dr. Clarke	Mr. Fernandes	Dr. Hornick	Ms. Kaltenbach	Ms. Miller	Ms. Preston	Mr. Rosa	Dr. Blumenfeld	Ms. Brennan
Motion							Second	Motioned	
Aye	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Nay									
Abstain									
Absent		X							

8 Yes Votes / Motion Carries

FIRST RECOGNITION OF THE PUBLIC:

- Ms. Brennan asked if anybody was interested in speaking to the board. There were no requests made to speak.

BOARD ACTION:

27-08 BA-01 APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
27-08 BA-02 APPROVAL OF BOARD OF EDUCATION GOALS FOR THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR
27-08 BA-03 APPROVAL OF DISTRICT GOALS FOR THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR
27-08 BA-04 APPROVAL OF DR. FRANK'S STANDING ORDERS
27-08 BA-05 APPROVAL TO ENROLL CHILD OF NON-RESIDENT TEACHING STAFF MEMBER

Action Item 27-08 BA-01
APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES

BE IT RESOLVED, the Clinton Township Board of Education hereby approves the minutes from the following board meeting as distributed to each board member:

- June 22, 2026 - Regular Meeting
- June 22, 2026 - Executive Session Minutes 1st & 2nd
- July 22, 2026 - Board Retreat Minutes
- July 22, 2026 - Executive Session Minutes
- August 7, 2026 - Special Meeting Minutes
- August 7, 2026 - Executive Session Minutes

Action Item 27-08 BA-02
APPROVE BOARD OF EDUCATION GOALS FOR THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR

BE IT RESOLVED, the Clinton Township Board of Education hereby approves the following Board of Education goals for the 2026-2027 school year:

1. By the end of the 2026–2027 academic year, the Board's Policy Committee will work with the Superintendent to increase the percentage of recently reviewed policies and regulations from 52% to at least 65%, and conduct one thematically focused Policy Committee meeting dedicated to reviewing and discussing policies in a strategic area identified by the Board of Education.
2. Review the composition of the staff for upcoming retirements and support the Superintendent in creating structure for recognizing and fostering future talent/leaders.
3. The CTSD board will ensure the district operates in a fiscally responsible and transparent way prioritizing the student's education and safety in decision making while addressing large district concerns.
4. Monitor and evaluate growth in academics and student behavioral supports through regular review of district, subgroup achievement data, and the cross curricular engagement.
5. The CTSD board will commit to individual board member growth and continue to maintain the distinction of being a certified board through regular planning and training.

Action Item 27-08 BA-03
APPROVE DISTRICT GOALS FOR THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR

BE IT RESOLVED, the Clinton Township Board of Education hereby approves the following District goals for the 2026-2027 school year:

- **Goal One**: Through cross-curricular literacy instruction and structured data reflection cycles, students' performance on benchmark assessments will increase measurably, advancing towards 80% of students on or above grade-level literacy proficiency within three years (June 2028).

- **Goal Two**: CTSD will build an understanding of consistent Tier I practices within the NJTSS framework that promote belonging, mattering, engagement, and positive academic behaviors for all students. The district will identify data to track progress toward this goal.

Action Item 27-08 BA-04
APPROVAL OF DR. FRANK'S STANDING ORDERS

WHEREAS, the school physician, Dr. Ronald Frank, can no longer continue serving as the provider of record for over-the-counter medications due to liability purposes;

WHEREAS, school nurses will no longer be covered to administer over-the-counter medications even with parent permission, without a medical note; now

WHEREAS, all administration of medication shall be conducted in accordance with Board Policy 5330 and Regulation 5330 - Administration of Medication (M);

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Clinton Township Board of Education hereby approves the update of Dr. Frank's 2026-2027 School Year Standing Orders for PreK-8 Grades.

Action Item 27-08 BA-05
APPROVAL TO ENROLL CHILD OF NON-RESIDENT TEACHING STAFF MEMBER

BE IT RESOLVED, the Clinton Township Board of Education hereby approves the enrollment of a child of non-resident teaching staff member # 63145361 as per policy 5111.

Board of Education Roll Call Vote on Action Items 27-08 BA-01 through 27-08 BA-05

	Dr. Clarke	Mr. Fernandes	Dr. Hornick	Ms. Kaltenbach	Ms. Miller	Ms. Preston	Mr. Rosa	Dr. Blumenfeld	Ms. Brennan
Motion				Second		Motioned			
Aye	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Nay									
Abstain									
Absent		X							

8 Yes Votes / Motion Carries

FACILITIES/FINANCE:
Mr. Rosa- Chair; Dr. Blumenfeld, Ms. Brennan
Mr. Rosa reported on completed summer facility work (CTMS main office RTU, PMG fire alarm inspection, PMG roof/HVAC upgrades, auditorium door safety magnets) and financial reviews.

27-08 FF-01 APPROVAL OF BILL LISTS
27-08 FF-02 ACCEPTANCE OF THE JUNE 2026 FINANCIAL REPORTS
27-08 FF-03 APPROVAL OF TRANSFERS THROUGH JUNE 30, 2026
27-08 FF-04 APPROVAL OF IDEA APPLICATION FOR 2026-2027
27-08 FF-05 APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT TO THE HCESC RENTAL LEASE AGREEMENT
27-08 FF-06 APPROVAL OF PARTICIPATION IN COORDINATED TRANSPORTATION WITH WARREN COUNTY SPECIAL SERVICES SCHOOL DISTRICT

27-08 FF-07 APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH HUNTERDON COUNTY EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION (HCESC) TO PROVIDE PARAPROFESSIONALS TO THE SCHOOL DISTRICT

27-08 FF-08 APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH HCESC TO PROVIDE PUBLIC SERVICES AS REQUESTED BY THE SCHOOL DISTRICT

27-08 FF-09 APPROVAL OF 2026-2027 STUDENT TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH HUNTERDON COUNTY EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION

27-08 FF-10 APPROVAL OF ARCHITECTS OF RECORD PROPOSAL FOR SRS AND RVS ROD GRANT PROJECTS

27-08 FF-11 APPROVAL OF JOINT TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT WITH DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL: SCHOOL-RELATED ACTIVITIES

27-08 FF-12 APPROVAL FOR AWARD OF CONTRACT BID 2627-1: HVAC SYSTEM PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE, SERVICE & REPAIRS

Action Item 27-08 FF-01
APPROVAL OF BILL LISTS

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 18A:19, Expenditure of Funds; Audit and Payment of Claims, provides Boards of Education to make payments on claims for goods received and services rendered payable to the order of the person entitled to receive the amount after approval by the board; or in accordance with payrolls duly certified; or debt service or when provided by resolution approval by a person designated by the board; and

WHEREAS, a list of bills dating June 22, 2026 through June 30, 2026 and July 1, 2026 through August 17, 2026 are being presented to the board with the recommendation that they be ratified, approved and paid,

WHEREAS, each claim or demand has been fully itemized, verified and audited as required by law in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:19-2.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Clinton Township Board of Education approves the list of bills for payment in the grand sum of $2,187,855.82 and $2,609,748.75 respectively

June 30, 2026 Bill List		
Funds 10-12 -	General	$1,479,452.80
Fund 20 -	Grants	$137,555.02
Fund 30 -	Capital Projects	$1,980.00
Fund 60 -	Food Service	$98,108.85
Fund 90 -	Payroll Agency	$470,759.15
TOTAL		**$2,187,855.82**

August 17, 2026 Bill List		
Funds 10-12 -	General	$2,271,943.17
Fund 20 -	Grants	$57,043.57
Fund 40 -	Debt Service	$203,485.00
Fund 60 -	Food Service	$834.45
Fund 90 -	Payroll Agency	$76,442.56
TOTAL		**$2,609,748.75**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the list of bills are on file in the Office of the School Business Administrator, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clinton Township Board of Education authorizes the School Business Administrator to pay bills if it is determined that a need arises prior to the next board meeting in accordance with Board Policy #6470 – Payment of Claims.

Action Item 27-08 FF-02
ACCEPTANCE OF THE JUNE 2026 FINANCIAL REPORTS

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10 requires the Board Secretary and the Clinton Township Board of Education to certify that no budgetary line-item account has been over-expended and that the sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligation, and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C.6A:23A-16.10 further requires the Clinton Township Board of Education receive and accept the monthly financial statements, the Board Secretary's, and the Cash Reconciler's reports; and

WHEREAS, the Board Secretary's and Cash Reconciler report for the month June 30, 2026 are presented for the Board to accept and are on file in the Office of the School Business Administrator;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Clinton Township Board of Education acknowledges receipt of and accepts the Board Secretary's and Cash Reconciler Reports for the month ending June 30, 2026; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board Secretary and Clinton Township Board of Education certify that no budgetary line-item account has been over-expended and that there are sufficient funds available to meet the district's financial obligation.

Action Item 27-08 FF-03
APPROVAL OF TRANSFERS THROUGH JUNE 30, 2026

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C.6A:23A-16.10-(c)1 states that a report shall be presented to the Board showing all transfers between line-item accounts for each line-item account shown on the budget prepared in accordance with N.J.S.A.18A:22-8; and

WHEREAS, Board Policy #6422 designates the Superintendent of Schools to approve transfers as necessary between meetings of the Board and be reported to the Board, ratified, and duly recorded in the minutes at a subsequent Board meeting; and

WHEREAS, transfers in the reports "Transfers Before/After" for the month were necessary to maintain the needs of the district and are on file in the Office of the School Business Administrator,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Clinton Township Board of Education ratifies and approves the transfers in the report "Transfers Before/After" for fiscal year 2025-2026 through June 30, 2026, approved by the Superintendent, so that no budgetary line-item account has been over-expended and that sufficient funds would be available to meet the district's financial obligations, as requested by various district administrators.

Action Item 27-08 FF-04
APPROVAL OF IDEA APPLICATION FOR 2026-2027

WHEREAS The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) is a law that makes available a free appropriate public education to eligible children with disabilities and ensures special education and related services to those children; and

WHEREAS the IDEA authorizes formula grants to states to support special education and related services and early intervention services; and

WHEREAS Part B formula grants assist states in providing a free appropriate public education in the least restrictive environment for children with disabilities, ages 3 through 21.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Clinton Township Board of Education approves the submission of the 2026-2027 IDEA grant application, and approves funds for the 2026-2027 school year as follows:

Grant	26-27 Award	Carryover	Total
IDEA - Basic	$444,280	TBD	$444,280
IDEA - Preschool	$14,410	TBD	$14,410
Total	$458,690	TBD	$458,690

Action Item 27-08 FF-05
APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT TO THE HCESC RENTAL LEASE AGREEMENT
WHEREAS, the Clinton Township Board of Education approved the Rental Lease Agreement with Hunterdon County ESC for $52,716.00 per annum at the June 22, 2026 meeting, and

WHEREAS, the cost was revised to $51,407.00 to reflect the terms of the contract,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Clinton Township Board of Education approves the amendment to the updated Rental Lease Agreement with Hunterdon County ESC for $51,407.00 per annum for July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027.

Action Item 27-08 FF-06
APPROVAL OF PARTICIPATION IN COORDINATED TRANSPORTATION WITH WARREN COUNTY SPECIAL SERVICES SCHOOL DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the Clinton Township School District Board of Education desires to transport students for the purpose of special education, non-public school education, or their own public school students to specific destinations; and

WHEREAS, the Warren County Special Services School District, hereinafter referred to as WCSSSD, offers coordinated transportation services; and

WHEREAS, the WCSSSD will organize and schedule routes to achieve the maximum cost effectiveness;

NOW THEREFORE, it is agreed that in consideration of pro-rated contract costs, plus a 5.5% administration fee as presented to the Clinton Township School District Board of Education as calculated by the billing formula adopted by the WCSSSD's Board of Education and according to the attached schedule.

Action Item 27-08 FF-07
APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH HUNTERDON COUNTY EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION TO PROVIDE PARAPROFESSIONALS TO THE SCHOOL DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the Clinton Township School District desires to retain the services of the HCESC to provide Paraprofessionals to the school district;

WHEREAS, the HCESC is prepared to and desires to provide the Services to the School District;

WHEREAS, the Parties are desirous of memorializing the terms of their agreement for the services;

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the mutual covenants contained herein and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the Parties agree to the attached terms.

Action Item 27-08 FF-08
APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH HCESC TO PROVIDE PUBLIC SERVICES AS REQUESTED BY THE SCHOOL DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the Clinton Township School District desires to retain the services of the HCESC to provide Public School Services as requested by the School District;

WHEREAS, the HCESC desires to provide the Services to the Clinton Township School District;

WHEREAS, the Parties are desirous of memorializing the terms of their agreement for the Services;

NOW THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the mutual covenants contained herein and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the Parties agree to the attached terms.

Action Item 27-08 FF-09
APPROVAL OF 2026-2027 STUDENT TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH HUNTERDON COUNTY EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION

WHEREAS, Clinton Township Board of Education (hereinafter referred to as "CTBOE") has received a proposal from Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission (hereinafter referred to as "HCESC") to provide student transportation management services; and

WHEREAS, HCESC and CTBOE both desire to enter into a joint agreement wherein HCESC will provide the said student transportation management services; and

WHEREAS, the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq., authorizes public entities to enter into a contract with each other to subcontract any service which one of the parties to the agreement is empowered to render within its own jurisdiction including services incidental to the primary purposes of any of the participating entities; and

WHEREAS, HCESC and CTBOE are by definition local units under the said law; and HCESC is empowered by law to provide student transportation management services; and

WHEREAS, the provision of student transportation management services by HCESC is economically advantageous to CTBOE;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that HCESC and the CTBOE hereby agree and enter into the 2026-2027 student transportation management services arrangement for the provision of student transportation management services in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq. for the following services:

1. In District Transportation Routing; Extended School Year Transportation Routing; First communication of route information via email blast to district families; DRTRS Annual Report at an annual amount of $34,396.85.
2. The provision of student transportation management service of subcontracted routes, in consultation with the school district at a cost of 5.5% of the transportation contracts plus the amount paid to the contractors.
3. Processing Aid in Lieu Payments; Preparation of Spreadsheet with required information; Confirmation of Request for Transportation (B6T Form); Confirmation of Request for Payment (B7T Form), twice per academic year; Confirmation of attendance (B8T Form), twice per academic year at a cost of 5.5% of the Aid in Lieu payments plus the cost of the actual Aid In Lieu payments issued.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect immediately, and the Clinton Township Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent, Board President and School Business Administrator/Board Secretary to take such action and sign any documents on behalf of the Clinton Township Board of Education with regard to exercising the intent of this resolution.

Action Item 27-08 FF-10
APPROVAL OF ARCHITECTS OF RECORD PROPOSAL FOR SRS AND RVS ROD GRANT PROJECTS

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2023, Clinton Township School District Board of Education authorized the Design Resources Group, Architects to submit all required and appropriate documents to the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) for approval under the ROD Grant program for HVAC/window replacement projects at PMG, RVS and SRS; and

WHEREAS, the following applications were ranked as Level 1:

- PMG - DOE Project # 0920-035-23-R501, SDA Project # 0920-035-23-G5DZ
- RVS - DOE Project # 0920-040-23-R502, SDA Project #: 0920-040-23-G5EA
- SRS - DOE Project # 0920-030-23-R501, SDA Project # 0920-030-23-G5DY

and the district received Preliminary Eligible Cost (PEC) determination letters for these three (3) projects on September 19, 2023; and

WHEREAS, on October 16, 2023, the Clinton Township School District Board of Education accepted the PEC determination of the three (3) projects named above; and

WHEREAS, on January 22, 2024, the Clinton Township School District Board of Education accepted the FEC determination of the three (3) projects named above; and

WHEREAS, on July 23, 2025 the Clinton Township Board of Education approved authorizing execution and delivery of the Grant Agreement for the three (3) ROD projects named above, delegating authority to the district's School Business Administrator and authorizing the Business Administrator, at such time as needed, to withdraw funds from Capital Reserve in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-14.1; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent, Director of Buildings and Grounds, School Business Administrator, and the Board's Finance and Facilities Committee have prioritized the work at Round Valley School and Spruce Run School for summer 2027; and

WHEREAS, the district's Architect of Record, Parette Somjen Architects (PSA), has submitted a proposal for $124,200 fee for base bid:

Round Valley School- $73,500
Spruce Run School- $45,000
Reimbursable Expenses- $5,700

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Clinton Township Board of Education hereby awards a contract to Parette/Somjen Architects in the amount of $124,200 to oversee the RVS and SRS ROD grant projects; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board President, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, and Board Counsel are hereby authorized to execute any and all documents and to take any and all actions necessary to complete and realize the intent and purpose of this resolution, including the preparation and execution of a professional services agreement consistent with this resolution.

Action Item 27-08 FF-11

APPROVAL OF JOINT TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT WITH DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL: SCHOOL-RELATED ACTIVITIES

BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the 2026-2027 Joint Transportation route agreement with the Delaware Valley Regional School School serving as the Lead Educational Authority and Host District, with route costs as follows:

DESTINATION COST:

Various Field and Athletic Trips

- $300.00 for the first 3 hours
- $90.00 per hour for each additional hour
- Billed in quarter hour increments
- Plus tolls and parking
- Billed to and from bus garage

Various Trips

- $205.00 per shuttle
- If the first shuttle leaves 20 minutes or later after dismissal it is considered a trip as above

Action Item 27-08 FF-12
APPROVAL FOR AWARD OF CONTRACT BID 2627-1: HVAC SYSTEM PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE, SERVICE & REPAIRS

WHEREAS, the Clinton Township Board of Education ("Board") duly advertised and received public bids on August 13, 2026, for BID 2627-1: HVAC System Preventative Maintenance, Service & Repairs District Wide for the 2026–2027 school year; and

WHEREAS, Hutchins HVAC Inc. submitted the lowest responsive and responsible bid evaluated in accordance with the bid specifications and the Public School Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 et seq.);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Clinton Township Board of Education hereby awards the contract for BID 2627-1 to Hutchins HVAC Inc. in the total bid amount of $95,527.50 for the period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, with the option retained by the Board to renew for up to one (1) additional two-year renewal or two (2) additional one-year renewals pursuant to law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, School Business Administrator / Board Secretary, is authorized to execute the formal contract agreement and any related documents on behalf of the Board.
Ms. Kaltenbach commended the administration for the detailed, color-coded spreadsheet tracking district projects and timelines, noting that it made monitoring progress clear and accessible.

Dr. Stager announced that Director of Buildings and Grounds Frank Murgittroyd will present a comprehensive report on summer project progress at the September Board of Education meeting.

Board of Education Roll Call Vote on Action Items 27-08 FF-01 through 27-08 FF-12

	Dr. Clarke	Mr. Fernandes	Dr. Hornick	Ms. Kaltenbach	Ms. Miller	Ms. Preston	Mr. Rosa	Dr. Blumenfeld	Ms. Brennan
Motion				Second				Motioned	
Aye	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Nay									
Abstain									
Absent		X							

8 Yes Votes / Motion Carries

PERSONNEL:

Ms. Preston- Chair; Mr. Fernandes, Dr. Hornick

Ms. Preston summarized staffing approvals, leave coverages, district appointments, BERT/Threat Assessment teams, and an updated Assistant Athletic Coach job description.

All Personnel Action Items listed below have been recommended by the Superintendent to the Clinton Township Board of Education for approval:

27-08 P-01 APPROVAL OF RESIGNATION(S)
27-08 P-02 APPROVAL OF EMPLOYMENT
27-08 P-03 AMENDMENT OF EMPLOYMENT
27-08 P-04 RESCIND EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT FOR 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR
27-08 P-05 APPROVAL OF CHANGE OF ASSIGNMENT FOR THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR
27-08 P-06 APPROVAL OF STAFF FOR FY2027 EXTENDED SCHOOL YEAR PROGRAM
27-08 P-07 ADOPTION OF JOB DESCRIPTION(S)
27-08 P-08 APPROVAL OF DISTRICT APPOINTMENTS
27-08 P-09 APPROVAL OF TEACHERS IN CHARGE
27-08 P-10 APPROVAL OF CLUB ADVISORS/ COACHES/ CHAPERONE(S)
27-08 P-11 APPROVAL OF STAFF TO SERVE AS MENTOR
27-08 P-12 APPROVAL OF STAFF TO SERVE AS GUIDING TEACHER
27-08 P-13 APPROVAL OF SICK BANK COMMITTEE
27-08 P-14 APPROVAL OF SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PANEL (ScIP)
27-08 P-15 APPROVAL OF BUILDING EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM(S) (BERT)
27-08 P-16 APPROVAL OF THREAT ASSESSMENT TEAM(S)
27-08 P-17 APPROVAL OF MOVEMENT ACROSS THE SALARY GUIDE
27-08 P-18 APPROVAL OF ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION
27-08 P-19 APPROVAL FOR ADDITIONAL STAFF HOURS ESY
27-08 P-20 APPROVAL OF SUBSTITUTE(S) FOR 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR
27-08 P-21 APPROVAL OF RESIGNATION

Action Item 27-08 P-01
APPROVAL OF RESIGNATION(S)

BE IT RESOLVED, the Clinton Township Board of Education approves**,** with regret, the resignation of the following employee(s):

#	Name	Position	Location	Effective Date	PCR#
1	Emily Kramer	Teaching Assistant	SRPS	6/30/26	0001023
2	Jessica Ortiz	Teaching Assistant	PMG	8/24/26	0001007

Action Item 27-08 P-02
APPROVAL OF EMPLOYMENT

BE IT RESOLVED, the Clinton Township Board of Education approves employment for the 2026-2027 school year to the following at the recommendation of Superintendent of Schools:

#	Name / Account Number	Position	Location	Guide / Step / Salary	FTE	Effective Dates	PCR#
1	Alexandria Bachman 11-000-262-107-900-050	Lunch/Recess Aide	CTMS	$9,315.00	0.43	9/1/26 to 6/30/27	0000020
2	Caitlin Corlett 11-120-100-101-900-040	Grade 3 Teacher	RVS	BA/Step 11 $76,150.00	1.0	8/25/26 to 6/30/27	0000207
3	Emerson Kuehne 11-000-222-100-999-000	Temporary IT Technician	District	$20.00 per hour	1.0	9/1/26 to 12/31/26	0000284
4	Jessica Ortiz 11-130-100-101-992-050	Spanish Teacher	CTMS	BA+30/ Step 17 $82,900.00 (prorated)	1.0	8/25/26 to 12/31/26	0000048
5	Alyssa Stomber 11-120-100-101-992-040	Leave Replacement Grade 5 Teacher	RVS	BA/Step 2 $68,200.00 (prorated)	1.0	8/25/26 to 1/31/2027	0000184

Action Item 27-08 P-03
AMENDMENT OF EMPLOYMENT

BE IT RESOLVED, the Clinton Township Board of Education approves amendment of employment terms for the 2026-2027 school year to the following at the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools:

#	Name / Account Number	Position	Location	Guide / Step / Salary	FTE	Effective Dates	PCR#
1	Robin Conover 11-000-217-100-900-050	Teaching Assistant	CTMS	AA/Step 3 $22,460.00	0.82	8/25/26 to 6/30/27	0000253

Action Item 27-08 P-04
RESCIND EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT FOR THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby rescinds and nullifies its prior action appointing Employee I.D. #60891249 as Teacher for the 2026-2027 school year, which action was taken in error.

Action Item 27-08 P-05
APPROVAL OF CHANGE OF ASSIGNMENT FOR THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR

BE IT RESOLVED, the Clinton Township Board of Education approves the following change in assignments for the 2026-2027 school year:

#	Name/ Account Number	From Location/Position/PCR	To Location/Position/PCR	Effective Date
1	Emily Balsamo 11-212-100-101-900-040	RVS/MD Classroom Special Education Teacher/0000024	PMG/MD Classroom Special Education Teacher/ 0000151	8/25/26
2	Jennie Forman 11-110-100-101-900-035	PMG/Kindergarten Special Ed Teacher/0000259	PMG/Grade 1 Gen Ed Teacher/0000127	8/25/26

Action Item 27-08 P-06
APPROVAL OF STAFF FOR FY2027 EXTENDED SCHOOL YEAR PROGRAM

BE IT RESOLVED, the Clinton Township Board of Education approves the following staff to work the District's 2026-2027 Extended School Year Program Monday through Thursday, June 29, 2026 to July 30, 2026, 8:00 am through 12:15 pm daily.

#	Name/ Account Number(s)	Position	Dates and/or Hour(s)	Compensation
1	Lee DelGuercio 11-213-100-106-999-030	Teaching Assistant	6/29/26 - 7/30/26	$20.00 p/h
2	Katherine Cohen 11-216-100-106-999-030	Substitute Teaching Assistant	6/29/26 - 7/30/26	$20.00 p/h
3	Susan Simonelli 11-230-100-101-999-030	Substitute Teacher	6/29/26 - 7/30/26	$23.16 p/h
4	Patricia Corral 11-213-100-101-999-030	Substitute Teacher	6/29/26 - 7/30/26	$23.16 p/h

Action Item 27-08 P-07
ADOPTION OF JOB DESCRIPTION(S)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Clinton Township Board of Education acknowledges receiving the following job description(s), in accordance with board policy 1400, Job Descriptions, which requires the superintendent to prepare, approve and disseminate job descriptions to the board, effective August 17, 2026:

- Assistant Athletic Coach

Action Item 27-08 P-08
APPROVAL OF DISTRICT APPOINTMENTS

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Clinton Township Board of Education hereby approves/affirms the following annual appointments for the 2026 calendar year:

Section 504 Compliance Officer	Jennifer Paccione
Affirmative Action/Equity Officer	Murat Yazici
AHERA Coordinator	Frank Murgittroyd
Anti-Bullying Coordinator	Melissa Goad
Anti-Bullying Specialist - SRPS	Stephanie Rodrigues-Silva
Anti-Bullying Specialist - PMG	Laura Greenstein, Kerry Mueller & Alex Ruttenberg
Anti-Bullying Specialists - RVS	Laura Greenstein, Kerry Mueller & Alex Ruttenberg
Anti-Bullying Specialists - CTMS	Christina Giordano & Greg James
Attendance Officer	Jennifer Paccione
Board Secretary	Murat Yazici
Custodian of Records	Murat Yazici
Homeless Liaison	Jennifer Paccione
Indoor Air Quality Officer	Frank Murgittroyd
Integrated Pest Management Coordinator	Frank Murgittroyd
Public Agency Compliance Officer	Murat Yazici
Right to Know Officer	Frank Murgittroyd
Safety Officer	Clinton Township Police Department
School Safety Specialist	Melissa Goad
Cash Reconciler	Shari Schultz
Title IX Coordinator	Carl Blanchard
Substance Abuse Coordinator	Jennifer Paccione
Chemical Hygiene Officer	Frank Murgittroyd
Asbestos Management & PEOSH Officer	Frank Murgittroyd
American Disabilities Act Officer	Jennifer Paccione
Flexible Spending Administrator	Health Equity/Wageworks
COBRA	Ameriflex
Financial Advisory Services	Phoenix Advisors, LLC
Health Insurance Broker	Brown and Brown
General Liabilities Insurance Broker	CBIZ
School Physician	Dr. Ronald Frank
Wellness Committee Coordinator	Melissa Goad
ESEA/ESSA Grant Manager	Carl Blanchard
IDEA & Nonpublic Grant Manager	Jennifer Paccione
EFT Initiator	Murat Yazici

EFT Approver	Melissa Stager
EFT Activity Report Reviewer	Shari Schultz
Schools Health Insurance Fund Commissioner	Murat Yazici
Alternate Schools Health Insurance Fund Commissioner	Melissa Stager

Action Item 27-08 P-09
APPROVAL OF TEACHERS IN CHARGE

BE IT RESOLVED, the Clinton Township Board of Education approves the following staff to serve as teacher in charge in the absence of building principal:

SRPS	PMG	RVS
Stephanie Rodrigues-Silva	Amanda Wayne Erin Evans Dawn Napoli	Jennifer Desjadon Ronda Ferri Brent Ruge

Action Item 27-08 P-10
APPROVAL OF CLUB ADVISORS / COACH / CHAPERONE(S)

BE IT RESOLVED, the Clinton Township Board of Education approves the following staff to serve as club advisors, coach or chaperone(s) for the 2026-2027 school year as per Schedule E in the negotiated agreement with the Clinton Township Education Association:

CTMS		
Sport/Club	**Advisor/Coach**	**Amount**
Cross Country Assistant Coach	Adele Markey	$1,469.29
Robotics Club	Noor Abdelhamid	$1,152.00
Video Journalism	Noor Abdelhamid	$5,184.00

Action Item 27-08 P-11
APPROVAL OF STAFF TO SERVE AS MENTOR

BE IT RESOLVED, the Clinton Township Board of Education approves the following teacher(s) for the 2026-2027 mentoring program:

PMG	RVS	CTMS
Erika Klausz	Kelly Hill	Buffy Gagliano
	Judith Johnson	

Account Numbers to be used: 11-000-291-280-988-000

Action Item 27-08 P-12
APPROVAL OF STAFF TO SERVE AS GUIDING TEACHER

BE IT RESOLVED, the Clinton Township Board of Education approves the following teacher(s) to serve as Guiding Teacher for the 2026-2027 school year, with a contractual annual stipend of $300.00:

PMG	RVS
Patricia Corral	Jennifer Topping
	Kathleen Shea

Account Numbers to be used: 11-000-291-280-988-000

Action Item 27-08 P-13
APPROVAL OF SICK BANK COMMITTEE

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the following individuals are hereby selected to serve as the Board's representatives on the Sick Bank Committee in accordance with N.J.S.A 18A:30-11 and the most recent Collective Negotiations Agreement between the Board and the Clinton Township Education Association:

- Murat Yazici, School Business Administrator
- Jennifer Paccione, Director of Special Services
- Christina Hunte, Principal, CTMS
- Melissa Goad, Principal, SRPS - Alternate

Action Item 27-08 P-14
APPROVAL OF SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PANEL (ScIP)

BE IT RESOLVED, the Clinton Township Board of Education approves the following staff to serve on the School Improvement Panel (ScIP) for the 2026-2027 school year:

SRPS	PMG	RVS	CTMS
Melissa Goad	Patricia Corral	Eileen Black	Christina Hunte
Laura Krupnik	Jennifer Cwynar	Julie Mooney	Lori Lubieski-Hutmaker
Heather Newland	Julia Mueller	Amanda Murphy	Bonnie Birken
Stephanie Rodrigues-Silva	Erin Repsher	Brent Ruge	Jean Kinkead
		Janell Smolk	Sherri Ann Parsh

Action Item 27-08 P-15
APPROVAL OF BUILDING EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM(S) (BERT)

BE IT RESOLVED, the Clinton Township Board of Education approves of the following staff to serve on the Building Emergency Response Team(s) (BERT) for the 2026-2027 school year:

SRPS	PMG	RVS	CTMS
Melissa Goad	Jennifer Sernotti	Janel Smolk	Christina Hunte
Maggie Bradford	(James) Scott Annan	Jennifer Desjadon	Nicholas Cosimano
Alina Chauvette	Caitlin Dombrowski	William (Chuck) Friedel	Lori Lubieski-Hutmaker
Lori Jentsch	Allison Lefebvre	Annette Guenther	Angela Dmuchowski
Kerry Mueller	Kerry Mueller	Staci Kane	Donald Helmstetter
Jennifer Patuto	Katie Pill	Laura Greenstein	Gregory James
Stephanie Rodrigues-Silva	Kelli Portland		Priscila Karalevich
Susan Tavarez	Heather Stanley		Adele Marky
	Julie Tepper		Kevin Rudolph
	Richard Verderamo		Richard Tarriff
	Erika Yersak		Frances Lin
District-wide: School Resource Officer (SRO)*			

Action Item 27-08 P-16
APPROVAL OF THREAT ASSESSMENT TEAM(S)

BE IT RESOLVED, the Clinton Township Board of Education approves of the following staff to serve on the Building Threat Assessment Team(s) for the 2026-2027 school year:

SRPS	PMG	RVS	CTMS
Melissa Goad	Jennifer Sernotti	Janel Smolk	Christina Hunte
Stephanie Rodrigues-Silva	Kristina Knapp (CST)	Laura Greenstein	Lori Lubieski-Hutmaker
Kristina Knapp	Allison Lefebvre (alternate)	Alex Ruttenberg	Christina Giordano
Kerry Mueller	Kerry Mueller	Amy Shearer (CST)	Kelly DiGioia
Allison Lefebvre	Katie Pill		Priscila Karalevich
			Adele Marky
District-wide: School Resource Officer (SRO)			

Action Item 27-08 P-17
APPROVAL OF MOVEMENT ACROSS THE SALARY GUIDE

BE IT RESOLVED, the Clinton Township Board of Education approves the following certificated employee(s) for horizontal movement across the salary guide:

Name	From	To	Effective Date
Kristina Knapp	BA+30	MA+15	9/15/26

Action Item 27-08 P-18
APPROVAL OF ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION

BE IT RESOLVED, the Clinton Township Board of Education approves the following staff for additional compensation for time worked, as set forth below:

#	Name/ Account Number(s)	School / Dept	Type of Work	Dates and/or Hour(s)	Rate	Total pay not to exceed
1	Jennifer Biondi 11-000-251-100-990-000	District	Transportation Liaison - PM	8/25/26 to 6/30/27	$2,250.00	$2,250.00
2	Sandra Engelhardt 11-000-252-100-990-040	RVS& PMG (revised)	Building Level Website Lead	7/1/26 - 6/30/27	$500.00 per building	$1,000.00
3	Sandra Engelhardt 11-000-251-100-990-000	District	Transportation Liaison - AM	8/25/26 - 6/30/27	$2,750.00	$2,750.00
4	Scott Annan 11-401-100-100-990-035	PMG	Arts Fest	5/6/27	$28.80	Not to exceed 3.5 hours
5	Dawn Napoli 11-401-100-100-990-035	PMG	Arts Fest	5/6/27	$28.80	Not to exceed 3.5 hours
6	Jennifer Noone 11-401-100-100-990-035	PMG	Arts Fest	5/6/27	$28.80	Not to exceed 3.5 hours
7	Erin Repsher 11-401-100-100-990-035	PMG	Arts Fest	5/6/27	$28.80	Not to exceed 3.5 hours
8	Tina Rockafellow 11-401-100-100-990-035	PMG	Arts Fest	5/6/27	$28.80	Not to exceed 3.5 hours
9	Kathryn Zaleski	PMG	Arts Fest	5/6/27	$28.80	Not to

	11-401-100-100-990-035					exceed 3.5 hours
10	RESCIND Karen Stavac 11-000-252-100-990-040	PMG	Building Level Website Lead	7/1/26 - 6/30/27	$500.00	$500.00
11	Karen Stavac 11-000-240-105-900–035 11-000-211-100-900-035	PMG	Return to School Office Support Additional Hours	8/27-8/31, 9/1-9/3	$31.47	Not to exceed 17.5 hours
12	Nicole Perrotto 11-000-223-104-997-040	District	New Educator Orientation Speech	8/17-18/26	$37.74	Not to exceed 8 hours
13	Kristin McRae 11-000-223-104-997-040	RVS	Prep/Presentation for 8/25/26 PD Day	2 Hours	$39.06	Not to exceed $78.12
14	Erika Yersak 11-000-223-104-997-035	PMG	Prep/Presentation for 8/25/26 PD Day	2 Hours	$39.06	Not to exceed $78.12
15	Susan Simonelli 11-000-223-104-997-050	CTMS	Prep/Presentation for 8/25/26 PD Day	2 Hours	$39.06	Not to exceed $78.12
16	Malabika Chakraborty 11-000-223-104-997-035	PMG	Prep/Presentation for 8/26/26 PD Day	2 Hours	$39.06	Not to exceed $78.12

Action Item 27-08 P-19

APPROVAL FOR ADDITIONAL STAFF HOURS ESY

BE IT RESOLVED, the Clinton Township Board of Education approves the following staff to work additional hours for the District's 2026-2027 Extended School Year Program Monday through Thursday, June 29, 2026 to July 30, 2026, 8:00 am through 12:15 pm daily.

#	Name/ Account Number(s)	Position	Dates and/or Hour(s)	Compensation
1	Kerry Mueller 11-000-218-104-999-030	Counselor	6/29/26 to 7/30/26	$69.92 Not to exceed additional 30 hours
2	Kristina Knapp 11-000-219-104-996-030	Case Management/Evaluations	8/13/26 to 8/31/26	$59.21 Not to exceed additional 10 hours
3	Allison Lefebvre 11-000-219-104-996-050	2026 Summer CST Testing/Attend Meetings	8/1/26 to 8/21/26	$70.28 Not to exceed additional 10 hours

Action Item 27-08 P-20
APPROVAL OF SUBSTITUTES FOR THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR

#	Substitute Teacher(s)	Daily Rate	Half-Day Rate	Effective Date
1	Anna Barrett	$150.00	$75.00	8/27/26
2	Nancy Behrens	$150.00	$75.00	8/27/26
3	Connor Johnson	$150.00	$75.00	8/27/26

Account Numbers to be used pending on assignment:
Spruce Run Preschool - 20-218-100-101-989-030
Regular Ed. - 11-120-100-101-989-035 11-120-100-101-989-040 11-130-100-101-989-050
Special Ed. - 11-213-100-101-989-035 11-213-100-101-989-040 11-213-100-101-989-050

#	Substitute Teaching Assistant(s)	Daily Rate	Half-Day Rate	Effective Date
1	Anna Barrett	$150.00	$75.00	8/27/26
2	Nancy Behrens	$150.00	$75.00	8/27/26
3	Connor Johnson	$150.00	$75.00	8/27/26

Account Numbers to be used pending on assignment:
SRS Preschool 20-218-100-106-989-030 PMG Kindergarten - 11-190-100-106-989-035
Special Education - 11-000-217-100-989-035 11-000-217-100-989-040 11-000-217-100-989-050

#	Substitute Custodian(s)	Hourly Rate	Effective Date
1	Oluwatoyin Ayinde	$18.50	7/1/26

Account Numbers to be used pending on assignment:
11-000-262-100-989-035; 11-000-262-100-989-040; 11-000-262-100-989-050

**New appointments are pending employment verification, criminal history review.*

Action Item 27-08 P-21
APPROVAL OF RESIGNATION

BE IT RESOLVED, the Clinton Township Board of Education approves the resignation of the following employee(s):

Employee ID	Position	Location	Effective Date	PCR#
49978901	Teacher	CTMS	8/12/26	0000293

Board of Education Roll Call Vote on Action Items 27-08 P-01 through 27-08 P-21

	Dr. Clarke	Mr. Fernandes	Dr. Hornick	Ms. Kaltenbach	Ms. Miller	Ms. Preston	Mr. Rosa	Dr. Blumenfeld	Ms. Brennan
Motion			Motioned	Second					
Aye	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Nay									
Abstain									
Absent		X							

8 Yes Votes / Motion Carries

POLICY:

Dr. Clarke - Chair; Mr. Fernandes, Ms. Kaltenbach

Dr. Clarke highlighted revisions to Policy/Regulation 5516 (bell-to-bell restriction on student internet-enabled devices/cell phones, stored in lockers/backpacks), Choice District regulations, and grant controls.

27-08 PR-01 APPROVAL OF FIRST READING
27-08 PR-02 APPROVAL OF SECOND READING
27-08 PR-03 ABOLISHMENT OF POLICY AND/OR REGULATION(S)

Action Item 27-08 PR-01

APPROVAL OF FIRST READING

WHEREAS, New Jersey school districts are required by New Jersey statutes, administrative codes, and New Jersey Department of Education mandates to develop and adopt policies and regulations regarding school district operations; and

WHEREAS, the Clinton Township Board of Education and administrative staff, working with Strauss Esmay Associates, L.L.P, have updated policies and regulations; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Clinton Township Board of Education approves the first reading of the following policies, regulations, and bylaws at this Board Meeting on August 17, 2026:

- Policy 1643 - Family Leave
- Policy 2260 - Equity in School and Classroom Practices (M)
- Policy 5111.13 - Eligibility of Resident/Nonresident Students-Choice School District (M)
- Regulation 5111.13 - Eligibility of Resident/Nonresident Students-Choice School District (M)
- Policy 5516 - Student Use of Internet-Enables Devices
- Regulation 5516 - Student Use of Internet-Enabled Devices
- Policy 6112 - Reimbursement of Federal and Other Grant Expenditures (M)
- Regulation 6115.01 - Federal Awards/Funds Internal Controls - Allowability of Costs (M)
- Regulation 6115.02 - Federal Awards/Funds Internal Controls - Mandatory Disclosures (M)
- Policy 6311 - Contracts for Goods and Services Funded by Federal Grants (M)
- Policy 8561- Procurement Procedures for School Nutrition Programs (M)
- Policy 8662 - Transportation by Private or District-Owned Vehicles - To and From School
- Policy 8760 - Student Accident Insurance

FURTHERMORE, BE IT RESOLVED, these policies and regulations shall be presented to the Board for adoption after a second reading at the September 14, 2026 Board Meeting.

Action Item 27-08 PR-02
APPROVAL OF SECOND READING

WHEREAS, New Jersey school districts are required by New Jersey statutes, administrative codes, and New Jersey Department of Education mandates to develop and adopt policies and regulations regarding school district operations; and

WHEREAS, the Clinton Township Board of Education and administrative staff, working with Strauss Esmay Associates, L.L.P, have updated policies and regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Clinton Township Board of Education approved the following first reading of these policies and regulations at the Board Meeting on June 22, 2026:

- Policy 0162 - Notice of Board Meetings
- Policy 0162.01 - Legal Notices (M)
- Policy 2200 - Curriculum Content (M)
- Policy 2411 - Career Education and Academic Counseling (M)
- Policy 5561 - Use of Physical Restraint and Seclusion Techniques for Students with Disabilities

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Clinton Township Board of Education adopts the above policies and regulations from a second reading at this Board Meeting on August 17, 2026.

Action Item 27-08 PR-03
ABOLISHMENT OF POLICY AND/OR REGULATION(S)

BE IT RESOLVED, the Clinton Township Board of Education hereby abolishes the following policies and/or regulations:

- Policy 2200 - Curriculum Content (M)
- Regulation 2411 - Guidance and Counseling (M)

Ms. Brennan noted that the proposed phone policy aligns with the district's long-standing K–8 expectations and does not represent a major operational shift.
Dr. Stager affirmed that student phones have never been permitted during the school day, emphasizing that the updated policy clearly outlines progressive discipline steps for violations.

Dr. Blumenfeld inquired whether the regulation and associated disciplinary framework were state-mandated.
Dr. Stager clarified that the discipline steps stem from Strauss Esmay model policy guidance rather than a state mandate, adding that the district modified the model language to provide more flexibility on a first infraction before notifying parents.

Board of Education Roll Call Vote on Action Items 27-08 PR-01 through 27-08 PR-03

	Dr. Clarke	Mr. Fernandes	Dr. Hornick	Ms. Kaltenbach	Ms. Miller	Ms. Preston	Mr. Rosa	Dr. Blumenfeld	Ms. Brennan
Motion			Motioned			Second			
Aye	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Nay									
Abstain									
Absent		X							

8 Yes Votes / Motion Carries

<u>CURRICULUM:</u>
Ms. Kaltenbach- Chair; Dr. Hornick, Ms. Miller

27-08 CUR-01 APPROVAL OF TRAVEL EXPENDITURES
27-08 CUR-02 APPROVAL OF SERVICES FOR 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR
27-08 CUR-03 APPROVAL OF PRACTICUM REQUESTS
27-08 CUR-04 APPROVAL TO ACCEPT DONATIONS FROM SHOPRITE OF HUNTERDON COUNTY
27-08 CUR-05 APPROVAL TO ACCEPT THE KOPPELMAN KEATS TEACHER GRANT
27-08 CUR-06 APPROVAL OF ESEA APPLICATION SUBMISSION
27-08 CUR-07 APPROVAL OF EVALUATION INSTRUMENTS
27-08 CUR-08 ANNUAL APPROVAL OF RECURRING PROGRAM-RELATED FIELD TRIPS
27-08 CUR-09 APPROVAL OF MENTORING PLAN
27-08 CUR-10 APPROVAL OF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN
27-08 CUR-11 APPROVAL TO SUBMIT PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND MENTORING PLAN STATEMENTS OF ASSURANCE (SOA)
27-08 CUR-12 APPROVAL OF TRAVEL EXPENDITURES RELATED TO MORRIS UNION JOINTURE COMMITTEE (MUJC) WORKSHOPS
27-08 CUR-13 APPROVAL OF CURRICULUM CONTENT
27-08 CUR-14 APPROVAL OF NEW WRITING ELECTIVE COURSES
27-08 CUR-15 APPROVAL OF INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIAL
27-08 CUR-16 APPROVAL OF OUT OF DISTRICT TUITION PLACEMENT
27-08 CUR-17 APPROVAL OF SAFETY AND SECURITY PLAN UPDATE

Action Item 27-08 CUR-01
APPROVAL OF TRAVEL EXPENDITURES

BE IT RESOLVED, the Clinton Township Board of Education approves the following travel expenditures:

#	Employee/ Account Number	Program Title/Location	Date(s)	Registration Cost
1	Carl Blanchard 11-000-221-500-082-040	NJPSA/FEA/NJASCD Fall Conference in Atlantic City, NJ	10/15/26 - 10/16/26	$450.00
2	Christa Brand 11-000-223-500-082-030	Autism NJ Annual Conference in Atlantic City, NJ	10/22/26 - 10/23/26	$550.00
3	Meghan Garofalo	Functional Behavioral Assessment (FBA) LEA Train-the-Trainer Series in East Orange, NJ	9/23/26, 10/7/26, 10/28/26, 12/9/26	$0.00
4	Jennifer Kaplan	Functional Behavioral Assessment (FBA) LEA Train-the-Trainer Series in East Orange, NJ	9/23/26, 10/7/26, 10/28/26, 12/9/26	$0.00
5	Joy Mitariten 11-000-223-500-082-050	New Jersey Science Convention in Princeton, NJ	10/20/26	$240.00
6	Frank Murgittroyd 11-000-230-585-081-000	NJSBA Workshop 2026 Atlantic City, NJ	10/19/26 - 10/22/26	$0.00
7	Dr. Melissa Stager 11-000-230-585-081-000	NJSBA Workshop 2026 Atlantic City, NJ	10/19/26 - 10/22/26	$0.00
8	Dr. Melissa Stager 11-000-230-590-080-000	AASA National Superintendent Certification Program/Session IV and Graduation in St. Louis, MO	10/19/26 - 10/22/26	$0.00
9	Katherine Zaleski 11-000-223-500-082-035	Building Readers Who Want to Read (Virtual)	Self-paced	$303.00
10	Kimberly Zundel 11-000-223-500-082-030	Autism NJ Annual Conference in Atlantic City, NJ	10/22/26 - 10/23/26	$550.00
Total Costs inclusive of flight, lodging, meals, and mileage, etc, if applicable, on attached Schedule A				

Action Item 27-08 CUR-02
APPROVAL OF SERVICES FOR 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR

BE IT RESOLVED, the Clinton Township Board of Education approves the following services for the 2026-2027 school year (unless otherwise specified):

#	SERVICE	PROVIDER/ACCOUNT NUMBER	COST
1	Contracted Speech and Language	Hunterdon County ESC Evaluation SID # 4887706847 11-000-219-320-084-030	$545.00
2	Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired	Commission for the Blind Level 1 Services for SID #1460708236 11-000-216-320-084-035	$2,668.00
3	Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired	Commission for the Blind Level 1 Services for SID #232962258 11-000-216-320-084-050	$2,668.00
4	Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired Non-Public Student	Commission of the Blind Services 20-250-100-300-084-000 September 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027	$2,668.00
5	Affirmed Health Care	Contracted Sub Nursing Services 11-000-213-300-084-035 11-000-213-300-084-030 11-000-213-300-084-040 11-000-213-300-084-050	$90.00 per hour
6	Itinerant Teacher of Deaf Services for SID #7441377817	Summit Speech School 11-000-216-320-084-050	5 Session per month Not to exceed $9,281.25
7	Itinerant Teacher of Deaf Services for SID #1509717279	Summit Speech School 11-000-216-320-084-040	4 Consults per year Not to exceed $900.00
8	Itinerant Teacher of Deaf Services for SID #18419524119	Summit Speech School 11-000-216-320-084-040	1 Session per month Not to exceed $2,250.00
9	Itinerant Teacher of Deaf Services for SID #3760740199	Summit Speech School 11-000-216-320-084-040	1 Session per week Not to exceed $7,425.00
10	Contracted Speech/Language Assessment for SID #4154495664	Hunterdon County ESC 11-000-219320-084-030	$545.00

Action Item 27-08 CUR-03
APPROVAL OF PRACTICUM REQUESTS
BE IT RESOLVED, the Clinton Township Board of Education approves the following practicum requests:

Name:	Program/University:	Date(s):	Placement:	Number of Hours:
Jordan Sponzo	Master of Speech-Language Pathology Program from Moravian University	11/11/26 - 12/28/26	Nicole Perrotto	50 Hours
Nermina Samulak	Bachelor of Arts in Education - Fine Arts Education (K-12) from Kean University	8/25/26 - 12/04/26	Kelly DiGioia	90 Hours Minimum
Sophie Gill	RVCC Education Field Experience	Fall 2026	Jennifer Patuto	45 hours
Kristine Jimenez	RVCC Education Field Experience	Fall 2026	Julie Mooney & Shannon Rolak	45 hours
Carsyn Loescher	RVCC Education Field Experience	Fall 2026	Amanda Wayne	45 hours
Alexandra Saucedo	RVCC Education Field Experience	Fall 2026	Lauren Fratesi	45 hours

Action Item 27-08 CUR-04
APPROVAL TO ACCEPT DONATIONS FROM SHOPRITE OF HUNTERDON COUNTY

BE IT RESOLVED, the Clinton Township Board of Education accepts, with gratitude, the following donations:

- Twenty-four (24) mums and twelve (12) plants for the District Opening on August 26, 2026, from the ShopRite of Clinton (Hunterdon County), worth an approximate value of $250.00
- Food items from ShopRite of Clinton (Hunterdon County) for the Staff Welcome Back Breakfast.
- Food items from ShopRite of Clinton (Hunterdon County) for use at the New Educator Orientation on August 17, 2026, consisting of the following: one dozen bagels, whipped cream cheese, fifteen B&B yogurts, one small fruit platter, three 6-count mini pastries, and two gallons of B&B orange juice. This donation positively impacts our school community.

Action Item 27-08 CUR-05
APPROVAL TO ACCEPT THE KOPPELMAN KEATS TEACHER GRANT

BE IT RESOLVED, the Clinton Township Board of Education accepts, with gratitude, the Koppelman Keats Teacher Grant in the amount of $400, awarded to Clinton Township Middle

School teachers Bonnie Birken and Tara Cantagallo. The grant is offered annually by Rider University's Julius and Dorothy Koppelman Holocaust | Genocide Resource Center to support educators advancing Holocaust and genocide education. The funds will be used specifically for the proposed educational project outlined in the teachers' grant application. This recognition reflects positively on our staff, students, and school community.

Action Item 27-08 CUR-06
APPROVAL OF ESEA APPLICATION SUBMISSION

WHEREAS, the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) provides federal funding through Title I-A, Title II-A, Title III-A, Title III Immigrant, and Title IV-A programs to support educational initiatives and student
achievement; and

WHEREAS, these Title programs fund improvements in basic programs, effective instruction, English learner services, and student support and academic enrichment; and

WHEREAS, federal law requires that local educational agencies provide equitable services to eligible non-public school students, teachers, and families within the district boundaries; and

WHEREAS, grant amounts and non-public school allocations are determined by federal funding formulas based on eligible student enrollment and poverty data; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, the Clinton Township Board of Education approves the submission of the 2026-2027 Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) Consolidated Entitlement Funds application in the amount of $60,192.00, and approves funds for the 2026-2027 school year as follows:

Grant	Clinton Township Funds	Acorn Montessori School	Immaculate Conception School	Total
Title I	$25,330.00			$25,330.00
Title II-A	$10,189.00	$266.00	$3,105.00	$13,560.00
Title III-A Consortium	$8,213.00			$8,213.00
Title III Immigrant	$2,517.00		$572.00	$3,089.00
Title IV-A	$7,514.00	$196.00	$2,290.00	$10,000.00
Totals	$53,763.00	$462.00	$5,967.00	$60,192.00

Action Item 27-08 CUR-07
APPROVAL OF EVALUATION INSTRUMENTS

BE IT RESOLVED, the Clinton Township Board of Education approves the following evaluation instruments, in accordance with AchieveNJ, to be used during the 2026-2027 school year as follows:

Staff	Model
Teachers	Charlotte Danielson: The Framework for Teaching (2013 Edition)
Teachers	Reflective Practice Protocol for Highly Effective Teaching Staff Members
Administrators	New Jersey Principal Evaluation for Professional Learning (NJPEPL) and Approved Equivalency Materials

Action Item 27-08 CUR-08
ANNUAL APPROVAL OF RECURRING PROGRAM-RELATED FIELD TRIPS

WHEREAS, the district has established various educational field trip programs that occur annually as part of the curriculum and enrichment offerings; and

WHEREAS, these recurring field trips provide valuable educational experiences that support student learning and program objectives; and

WHEREAS, annual board approval of these recurring programs will streamline the approval process while maintaining appropriate oversight; and

WHEREAS, specific details regarding dates, locations, costs, and logistics may vary from year to year based on operational considerations; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby approves the district's recurring annual field trip programs for the current school year; and

Trip Dates	Description	Class/Group	Trip Coordinator
Fall 2026	Hunterdon Art Museum Clinton, NJ	Participating Artline Enrichment Students	TBD

Winter 2027	Liberty Science Center Jersey City, NJ	4th Grade	TBD
Spring 2027	Camp Bernie Port Murray, NJ	5th Grade	TBD
Spring 2027	Metropolitan Museum of Art NYC	Participating Artline Enrichment Students	TBD
Spring 2027	RVCC Planetarium Branchburg, NJ	6th Grade	TBD
Spring 2027	Pocono Valley Stroudsburg, PA	8th Grade	TBD
Spring 2027	Gettysburg National Park Gettysburg, PA	8th Grade	TBD
Spring 2027	Move Up Day PMG - RVS RVS - CTMS	2nd & 5th Grade	Melissa Goad

Action Item 27-08 CUR-09
APPROVAL OF MENTORING PLAN

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Education requires all school districts to establish and implement a mentoring program for novice teachers and experienced teachers new to the district; and

WHEREAS, an effective mentoring program is essential for supporting new educators, improving teacher retention, and enhancing student achievement; and

WHEREAS, the 2026-2027 Mentoring Plan has been developed in accordance with state requirements and best practices to provide comprehensive support for beginning teachers; and

WHEREAS, the mentoring program will pair novice teachers with experienced mentor teachers to provide guidance, support, and professional growth opportunities; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Clinton Township Board of Education approves the 2026-2027 Mentoring Plan.

Action Item 27-08 CUR-10
APPROVAL OF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Education requires all school districts to develop and implement a comprehensive professional development plan that aligns with district goals and student needs; and

WHEREAS, ongoing professional development is critical for maintaining highly qualified teaching staff and improving instructional practices; and

WHEREAS, the Professional Development Plan for the 2026-2027 school year has been designed to support teacher growth, enhance curriculum implementation, and improve student outcomes; and

WHEREAS, the plan includes opportunities for differentiated professional learning experiences that address individual teacher needs and district priorities; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Clinton Township Board of Education approves the Professional Development Plan for the 2026-2027 school year.

Action Item 27-08 CUR-11
APPROVAL TO SUBMIT PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND MENTORING PLAN STATEMENTS OF ASSURANCE (SOA)

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Education requires school districts to submit annual Statements of Assurance (SOA) certifying compliance with state requirements for Professional Development Plans and Mentoring Plans; and

WHEREAS, the Clinton Township Board of Education has reviewed and approved both the 2026-2027 Professional Development Plan and the 2026-2027 Mentoring Plan; and

WHEREAS, the district has developed these plans in accordance with all applicable New Jersey Administrative Code requirements and state guidelines; and

WHEREAS, submission of the Statements of Assurance is necessary to maintain compliance with state mandates and ensure continued eligibility for state funding; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Clinton Township Board of Education approves the submission of the Professional Development Plan (PDP) and Mentoring Plan Statements of Assurance (SOA).

Action Item 27-08 CUR-12
APPROVAL OF TRAVEL EXPENDITURES RELATED TO MORRIS UNION JOINTURE COMMITTEE (MUJC) WORKSHOPS

WHEREAS, the Clinton Township Board of Education recognizes the importance of ongoing professional development for staff members to maintain current knowledge and best practices in education; and

WHEREAS, the Morris Union Jointure Committee (MUJC) provides high-quality workshops and training sessions that support continuous learning and professional growth; and

WHEREAS, these workshops are offered free of charge to participating districts, providing valuable professional development opportunities at no additional cost to the district; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Clinton Township Board of Education approves the following individuals and related business-related travel expenditures to attend periodic Morris Union Jointure Commission (MUJC) subcommittee workshops in the 2026-2027 school year:

MUJC Subcommittee	**Attendees**	**2026–2027 Meeting Dates & Times**
Autism	Malabika Chakraborty	September 29, 2026 February 24, 2027 *(9:00 AM – 11:00 AM)*
Behaviorist	Danielle Nugent	October 5, 2026 April 29, 2027 *(9:00 AM – 11:00 AM)*
Curriculum Council	Kerri Harbison Carl Blanchard	October 14, 2026 November 23, 2026 December 1, 2026 January 19, 2027 February 22, 2027 April 7, 2027 *(9:00 AM – 11:00 AM)*
Cyber Security & Data Privacy	Paul Tomko	*Not listed on official schedule*
Directors of School Counselors	Melissa Goad	November 16, 2026 February 17, 2027 *(9:00 AM – 11:00 AM)*
Elementary School Principals	Janell Smolk Jennifer Sernotti	November 9, 2026 January 13, 2027 March 16, 2027 *(9:00 AM – 11:00 AM)*

MUJC Subcommittee	Attendees	2026–2027 Meeting Dates & Times
Emotional Regulation Impairment (ERI)	Jennifer Kaplan	November 24, 2026 March 8, 2027 *(9:00 AM – 11:00 AM)*
Gifted & Talented	Laura Schmidt	February 9, 2027 *(9:00 AM – 11:00 AM)*
Grant	Carl Blanchard	February 1, 2027 *(9:00 AM – 11:00 AM)*
Instructional Coaches		October 6, 2026 January 13, 2027 March 1, 2027 June 4, 2027 *(9:00 AM – 11:00 AM)*
IT Personnel	Paul Tomko Tiffany Viti (backup)	November 17, 2026 January 12, 2027 June 15, 2027 *(9:00 AM – 11:00 AM)*
Middle School Principals	Christina Hunte Stephanie Rosa	November 30, 2026 February 23, 2027 *(9:00 AM – 11:00 AM)*
Music & Performing Arts	Amanda Livesy	September 25, 2026 January 26, 2027 April 5, 2027 *(9:00 AM – 11:00 AM)*
Personnel / HR	Jennifer Biondi Cynthia Weiss (backup)	November 11, 2026 February 8, 2027 April 6, 2027 *(9:00 AM – 11:00 AM)*
Speech & Language Specialists	Nicole Perrotto	October 27, 2026 January 25, 2027 April 28, 2027 *(9:00 AM – 11:00 AM)*
STEAM	Tina Rockafellow	October 13, 2026 December 9, 2026 February 3, 2027 May 25, 2027 *(9:00 AM – 11:00 AM)*

MUJC Subcommittee	Attendees	2026–2027 Meeting Dates & Times
Supervisors	Kerri Harbison	October 28, 2026 February 10, 2027 April 27, 2027 *(9:00 AM – 11:00 AM)*
Technology Subcommittee	Paul Tomko	September 15, 2026 November 10, 2026 January 20, 2027 March 16, 2027 June 7, 2027 *(9:00 AM – 11:00 AM)*
Tech Coaches Subcommittee		September 30, 2026 November 16, 2026 January 11, 2027 March 3, 2027 June 9, 2027 (Tentative) *(9:00 AM – 11:00 AM)*
Transition Cohort Subcommittee		October 26, 2026 January 5, 2027 March 17, 2027 June 7, 2027 *(9:00 AM – 11:00 AM)*

Action Item 27-08 CUR-13
APPROVAL OF CURRICULUM CONTENT

WHEREAS, the Clinton Township Board of Education is committed to providing high-quality, comprehensive educational programs that meet the diverse learning needs of all students; and

WHEREAS, regular curriculum review and updates ensure alignment with New Jersey Student Learning Standards and current educational best practices; and

WHEREAS, these teacher-developed curriculum updates will enhance student learning outcomes and support academic achievement across multiple subject areas; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, the Clinton Township Board of Education approves the following content as new curriculum for the 2026-2027 school year:

- Science (K-8)
- ELA (4-8)

- Civics (8)
- Writing Elective (7-8)
- Social Studies (4-5)
- Math (8)
- Physical Education (3-8)
- Spanish (K-5)

Action Item 27-08 CUR-14
APPROVAL OF NEW WRITING ELECTIVE COURSES

WHEREAS, the Clinton Township School District is committed to providing students with engaging, standards-aligned course offerings that strengthen their skills as writers and communicators; and

WHEREAS, two new writing elective courses, Who Am I as a Writer? (Grade 6) and Writing for Community (Grade 7), have been developed to align with the 2023 New Jersey Student Learning Standards for English Language Arts; and

WHEREAS, Who Am I as a Writer? is a half-year (semester) creative writing workshop course in which Grade 6 students explore their identity and voice as writers across multiple genres and forms, including sensory writing, mini-sagas, poetry, and short stories, culminating in an Author's Exhibit where students present their work to an authentic audience; and

WHEREAS, Writing for Community is a Grade 7 course in which students develop as writers for real-world audiences and purposes, completing units in author identity, analytical writing, and persuasive/advocacy writing, culminating in a writing portfolio presented at a Write for Change Showcase;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Clinton Township Board of Education approves the implementation of Who Am I as a Writer? (Grade 6) and Writing for Community (Grade 7) as new elective courses beginning in the 2026-2027 school year.

Action Item 27-08 CUR-15
APPROVAL OF INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIAL

BE IT RESOLVED, the Clinton Township Board of Education approves the following instructional material for use during the 2026-2027 school year: *The Phantom Tollbooth* by Norton Juster

Action Item 27-08 CUR-16
APPROVAL OF OUT OF DISTRICT TUITION PLACEMENT

BE IT RESOLVED, the Clinton Township Board of Education approves the following out of district tuition placements for the 2026-2027 school year:

#	School	SID	Service	Dates	Cost Not to Exceed/ Account Number
1	Somerset County Educational Services	3917868161	OOD Tuition	September 4, 2026 - June 18, 2027	$78,070.00 20-250-100-500-084-000

Action Item 27-08 CUR-17
APPROVAL OF SAFETY AND SECURITY PLAN UPDATE

BE IT RESOLVED, the Clinton Township Board of Education approves the School Safety and Security Plan for the 2026-2027 school year.

Board of Education Roll Call Vote on Action Items 27-08 CUR-01 through 27-08 CUR-17

	Dr. Clarke	Mr. Fernandes	Dr. Hornick	Ms. Kaltenbach	Ms. Miller	Ms. Preston	Mr. Rosa	Dr. Blumenfeld	Ms. Brennan
Motion			Motioned					Second	
Aye	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Nay									
Abstain									
Absent		X							

8 Yes Votes / Motion Carries

OLD BUSINESS:
Dr. Stager clarified that the Hazel Health form in PowerSchool provides optional virtual mental health counseling support for students via a state grant initiative to help address long local waitlists.

NEW BUSINESS:
The Board discussed potential adjustments to future meeting dates or start times (e.g., 6:00 p.m. or moving from Mondays to Tuesdays) to give the Business Office additional preparation time and reduce weekend administrative workload.

SECOND RECOGNITION OF THE PUBLIC:

- Ms. Brennan asked if anybody was interested in speaking to the board. There were no requests made to speak.

ADJOURNMENT:

Action 27-08 AJ-01

Motion made by Dr. Hornick, seconded by Ms. Miller, to adjourn the meeting of the Clinton Township Board of Education at 7:57 p.m.

By Consensus: 8 Yes Votes, 1 Absent

NEXT MEETING DATES:

Sep 14, 2026	Dec, 14, 2026
Oct 12, 2026	Jan 4, 2027*
Nov 16, 2026	*Reorganization Meeting

Respectfully Submitted

Murat Yazici
Business Administrator/Board Secretary