CLINTON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
October 12, 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. Hornick led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

BOARD PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS/REPORT:

- Board President Ms. Brennan noted the upcoming QSAC self-assessment, board workshop, Custodian Appreciation Day, National Principals Month, the 2028–2029 school calendar, and a 5-year legal services containment provision related to defending 1960s–1970s sexual abuse allegations.

PRESENTATIONS:

- Student Representatives
- HIB Self-Assessment and SSDS Presentation
- HIB Training
- Clinton Township Ed Tech and Screen Time Plan
- QSAC DPR Submission

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

- Mission Statement
  - *The Clinton Township School District, every student inspired, every team member supported, and every family engaged*
- New Jersey School Boards Preview
- Custodian Appreciation Day
- Principal Appreciation Month
- Professional Development Day
- Bus Updates
- Donations
- Week of Respect
- Acknowledgements
- Sustainable Jersey

SUPERINTENDENT'S ACTION ITEMS:

27-10 SU-01 APPROVAL OF ENROLLMENT AND SUSPENSION REPORTS
27-10 SU-02 APPROVAL OF SAFETY AND SECURITY DRILL
27-10 SU-03 APPROVAL OF STUDENT SAFETY DATA SYSTEM (SSDS)
27-10 SU-04 APPROVAL OF HIB SCHOOL(S) SELF ASSESSMENT
27-10 SU-05 APPROVAL OF NEW JERSEY QSAC DPR STATEMENT OF ASSURANCE SUBMISSION

Action Item 27-10 SU-01
APPROVAL OF ENROLLMENT AND SUSPENSION REPORTS

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accepts the September 2026 enrollment and suspension reports presented by Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Melissa Stager.

Building	Enrollment As of 9/30/2026	September 2026 Suspensions
SRPS	141	0
PMG	361	0

RVS	383	1
CTMS	397	0
District Total	1,282	1

Action Item 27-10 SU-02
APPROVAL OF SAFETY AND SECURITY DRILL

BE IT RESOLVED, the Clinton Township Board of Education accepts the September 2026 drill reports presented by Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Melissa Stager.

Building	September Fire Drill Date(s)	September Security Drill Date(s)
SRPS	9/1/26	9/2/26
PMG	9/2/26	9/9/26
RVS	9/2/26	9/1/26
CTMS	8/31/26	9/2/26

Action Item 27-10 SU-03
APPROVAL OF STUDENT SAFETY DATA SYSTEM (SSDS)

BE IT RESOLVED, the Clinton Township Board of Education hereby accepts the Student Safety Data System (SSDS) report, as presented, for the reporting period 1/1/2026 through 6/30/2026.

Action Item 27-10 SU-04
APPROVAL OF HIB SCHOOL(S) SELF ASSESSMENT

BE IT RESOLVED, the Clinton Township Board of Education hereby approves, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Anti-Bullying Coordinator's report on the New Jersey Department of Education School Self-Assessment for Determining Grades under the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights District and School Grade Report for the 2025-2026 school year.

Action Item 27-10 SU-05
APPROVAL OF NEW JERSEY QSAC DPR STATEMENT OF ASSURANCE SUBMISSION

WHEREAS, the Clinton Township Board of Education in the County of Hunterdon is undergoing evaluation under the New Jersey Quality Single Accountability Continuum (QSAC) for the 2026-2027 school year, and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6A:30-3.2 (f) requires participating school districts to hold a public meeting to approve the submission of the district's District Performance Review (DPR) indicators and the Statement of Assurance with respect to this process, and

WHEREAS, the Clinton Township Board of Education in the County of Hunterdon has reviewed the district's DPR and Statement of Assurance and hereby approves these documents.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Clinton Township Board of Education does hereby authorize the Superintendent of Schools to submit the DPR and Statement of Assurances to the Commissioner of Education in compliance with the provisions of N.J.A.C. 6A:30-3.2 (f).

Board of Education Roll Call Vote on Action Item 27-10 SU-01 through 27-10 SU-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	X
Nay									
Abstain									
Absent									

9 Yes Votes / Motion Carries

FIRST RECOGNITION OF THE PUBLIC:

- Attorney Vito Gagliardi explained the November 3 ballot referendum concerning Bloomsbury becoming a constituent member of the North Hunterdon-Voorhees Regional High School District.
- Parent Debra Semino spoke regarding middle school coach Carson Torchio.
- Melissa Donovan addressed the board regarding the public comment time limit.

BOARD ACTION:

27-10 BA-01 APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
27-10 BA-02 APPROVAL OF MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN EDUCATION AND LAW ENFORCEMENT
27-10 BA-03 APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN CLINTON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION AND CLINTON TOWNSHIP: ACCESS TO THE DISTRICT'S COMPUTERIZED SECURITY CAMERA SYSTEM BY THE CLINTON TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT
27-10 BA-04 APPROVAL OF THE REVISED 2027-2028 SCHOOL CALENDAR
27-10 BA-05 APPROVAL OF TENTATIVE 2028-2029 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Action Item 27-10 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:

- September 14, 2026 - Regular Meeting
- September 14, 2026 - Executive Session Meeting

Action Item 27-10 BA-02
APPROVAL OF MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN EDUCATION AND LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS

WHEREAS, pursuant to NJAC 6A:16-6.1 and 6A:16-6.2(b)14, the Superintendent and local law enforcement officials must meet annually to discuss the implementation of the "Uniform State Memorandum of Agreement Between Education and Law Enforcement Officials" and update as necessary,

WHEREAS, the Clinton Township School District Superintendent met with the Clinton Township Chief of Police in October to discuss this agreement and other matters,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Clinton Township Board of Education adopts the 2023 Revision of *A Uniform State Memorandum of Agreement Between Education and Law Enforcement Officials;* and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the Memorandum of Agreement and recognizes that the Memorandum of Agreement continues to be in effect between the Clinton Township Police Department and the Clinton Township Board of Education.

Action Item 27-10 BA-03
APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN CLINTON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION AND CLINTON TOWNSHIP: ACCESS TO THE DISTRICT'S COMPUTERIZED SECURITY CAMERA SYSTEM BY THE CLINTON TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Clinton Township Board of Education ("Board") has installed a computerized security camera system (the "System") in each of the Clinton Township School District's schools, which provides, among other things, real-time video feed through each installed camera along with the ability to access video recordings; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the System is to enhance the safety of the school environment for both staff and students, as well as to protect the District's property; and

WHEREAS, in emergency situations threatening the health and safety of the District's students and/or staff members, it is advantageous that the officers of the Clinton Township Police Department ("CTPD") have access to the System in order to assist the Board in resolving the emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Board and Township recognize that there are privacy concerns and legal restrictions as to CTPD's ability to access recorded video inasmuch as those video recordings may be considered "education records" within the meaning of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, 20 U.S.C. § 1232g ("FERPA") and/or "student records" within the meaning of the New Jersey Administrative Code, N.J.A.C. 6A:32-2.1; and

WHEREAS, it is therefore necessary and prudent for the Board and Township to enter into an agreement that sets forth in detail the parameters that will apply to the CTPD's ability to access live video feed;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Clinton Township Board of Education hereby agrees to enter into an agreement with the Township of Clinton to enable the Clinton Township Police Department to access live video feed.

Action Item 27-10 BA-04
APPROVAL OF THE REVISED 2027-2028 SCHOOL CALENDAR

BE IT RESOLVED, the Clinton Township Board of Education approves the amendment of the 2027-2028 school calendar.

Action Item 27-10 BA-05
APPROVAL OF TENTATIVE 2028-2029 SCHOOL CALENDAR

BE IT RESOLVED, the Clinton Township Board of Education approves the school calendar for the 2028-2029 school year.

Board of Education Roll Call Vote on Action Items 27-10 BA-01 through 27-10 BA-05

	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	X
Nay									
Abstain									
Absent									

9 Yes Votes / Motion Carries

FACILITIES/FINANCE:

Mr. Rosa- Chair; Dr. Blumenfeld, Ms. Brennan

The committee met virtually on 10/8/26. In attendance were Dr. Blumenfeld, Ms. Brennan, Mr. Rosa, Dr. Stager, Frank Murgittroyd, and Mr.Yazici. The Facilities & Finance Committee discussed and supported the resolutions on the agenda.

27-10 FF-01 APPROVAL OF BILL LISTS
27-10 FF-02 ACCEPTANCE OF THE AUGUST 2026 FINANCIAL REPORTS
27-10 FF-03 APPROVAL OF TRANSFERS THROUGH AUGUST 31ST 2026
27-10 FF-04 APPROVAL OF THE COMPREHENSIVE MAINTENANCE PLAN
27-10 FF-05 APPROVAL OF TENTATIVE 2027-2028 BUDGET CALENDAR
27-10 FF-06 APPROVAL OF JOINT TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT WITH HCESC SCHOOL YEAR ROUTES
27-10 FF-07 APPROVAL OF JOINT TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT WITH HCESC SCHOOL - RELATED ACTIVITIES
27-10 FF-08 APPROVAL OF DONATIONS
27-10 FF-09 ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THE SCHOOL BUS EMERGENCY EVACUATION DRILL STATEMENT AS STIPULATED BY 6A:27-11.2
27-10 FF-10 RESOLUTION FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF LEGAL SERVICES

COST CONTAINMENT PROCEDURES PURSUANT TO N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-5.2

27-10 FF-11 APPROVAL TO SUBMIT GRANT APPLICATIONS

Action Item 27-10 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 dated September 14, 2026 through October 12, 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 $4,102,444.96

October 12, 2026 Bill List	
Funds 10-12 - General	$3,070,940.62
Fund 20 - Grants	$246,933.68
Fund 30 - Capital Projects	$12,980.00
Fund 60 - Food Service	$5,657.75
Fund 90 - Payroll Agency	$765,932.91
Total	$4,102,444.96

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 27-10 FF-02
ACCEPTANCE OF THE AUGUST 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 August 31, 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 August 31, 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 27-10 FF-03
APPROVAL OF TRANSFERS THROUGH AUGUST 31st 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 2026-2027 through August 31, 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 27-10 FF-04
APPROVAL OF THE COMPREHENSIVE MAINTENANCE PLAN

WHEREAS, the Department of Education requires New Jersey School Districts to annually submit a comprehensive maintenance plan documenting the required maintenance activities for each of its public school facilities, and

WHEREAS, the required maintenance activities as listed on the district's Comprehensive Maintenance Plan and M-1 worksheet for the various school facilities of the Clinton Township School District are consistent with these requirements, and

WHEREAS, all past and planned activities are reasonable to keep school facilities open and safe for use or in their original condition and to keep their system warranties valid, and

WHEREAS, specific proposed expenditures will be subject to the compliance of New Jersey's purchasing requirements prior to the commitment of any funds, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that, the Clinton Township School District hereby authorizes the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary to submit the Comprehensive Maintenance Plan and M-1 worksheet for the Clinton Township Board of Education in compliance with Department of Education requirements.

Action Item 27-10 FF-05
APPROVAL OF TENTATIVE 2027-2028 BUDGET CALENDAR

WHEREAS, in compliance with Title 18A, Section 18A:7F-5c, the New Jersey Department of Education, Office of Fiscal Policy and Planning requires each district to adopt a School Election Calendar for the ensuing school budget, and

WHEREAS, a tentative budget development calendar for the 2027-2028 school budget has been drafted, subject to finalization by the New Jersey Department of Education, and

WHEREAS, the Clinton Township Board of Education is a Type II school district with a November election and must follow that calendar schedule;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board adopts a Budget Development Calendar for the 2027-2028 school year.

Action Item 27-10 FF-06
APPROVAL OF JOINT TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT WITH HCESC SCHOOL YEAR ROUTES

BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the 2026-2027 Joint Transportation route agreement with the Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission serving as the Lead Educational Authority and Host District, with route costs as follows:

Trip #	DESTINATION	CONTRACTOR	2026-27	AID	TOTAL PER RUN
CM01	Clinton Twp. Middle School	HCESC	$49,718.40		$49,718.40
CM02	Clinton Twp. Middle School	HCESC	$49,718.40		$49,718.40
CM03	Clinton Twp. Middle School	HCESC	$49,718.40		$49,718.40
CM08	Clinton Twp. Middle School	HCESC	$49,718.40		$49,718.40
CM12	Clinton Twp. Middle School	HCESC	$49,718.40		$49,718.40

CM13	Clinton Twp. Middle School	HCESC	$49,718.40		$49,718.40
CM14	Clinton Twp. Middle School	HCESC	$49,718.40		$49,718.40
CP01	Patrick McGaheran School	HCESC	$49,718.40		$49,718.40
CP03	Patrick McGaheran School	HCESC	$49,718.40	$21,751.80	$71,470.20
CP04	Patrick McGaheran School	HCESC	$49,718.40		$49,718.40
CP06	Patrick McGaheran School	HCESC	$49,718.40		$49,718.40
CP07	Patrick McGaheran School	HCESC	$49,718.40		$49,718.40
CP08	Patrick McGaheran School	HCESC	$49,718.40		$49,718.40
CP10	Patrick McGaheran School	HCESC	$49,718.40	$21,751.80	$71,470.20
CP11	Patrick McGaheran School	HCESC	$49,718.40	$21,751.80	$71,470.20
CP12	Patrick McGaheran School	HCESC	$49,718.40		$49,718.40
CR02	Round Valley School	HCESC	$49,718.40		$49,718.40
CR04	Round Valley School	HCESC	$49,718.40		$49,718.40
CR05	Round Valley School	HCESC	$49,718.40		$49,718.40
CR06	Round Valley School	HCESC	$49,718.40	$21,751.80	$71,470.20
CR07	Round Valley School	HCESC	$49,718.40	$21,751.80	$71,470.20
CR08	Round Valley School	HCESC	$49,718.40	$21,751.80	$71,470.20
CR09	Round Valley School	HCESC	$49,718.40		$49,718.40
SUBTOTAL	HCESC TOTAL		$1,143,523.20	$130,510.80	$1,274,034.00
CM04	Clinton Twp. Middle School	DELVAL	$40,500.00		$40,500.00
CM05	Clinton Twp. Middle School	DELVAL	$35,446.17		$35,446.17
CM06	Clinton Twp. Middle School	DELVAL	$35,444.17		$35,444.17
CM10	Clinton Twp. Middle School	DELVAL	$40,500.00		$40,500.00
CP02	Patrick McGaheran School	DELVAL	$35,446.17		$35,446.17
CP05	Patrick McGaheran School	DELVAL	$40,500.00		$40,500.00
CP09	Patrick McGaheran School	DELVAL	$39,831.34		$39,831.34
CP13	Patrick McGaheran School	DELVAL	$35,100.00		$35,100.00
CR01	Round Valley School	DELVAL	$45,000.00		$45,000.00
CR10	Round Valley School	DELVAL	$45,000.00	$19,800.00	$64,800.00

CR11	Round Valley School	GST	$43,560.00	$17,640.00	$61,200.00
SUBTOTAL	CONTRACTED TOTAL		$436,327.85	$37,440.00	$473,767.85
ADMIN	Contracted Admin Fee		$23,998.03	$2,059.20	$26,057.23
TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT			$1,603,849.08	$170,010.00	$1,773,859.08

Action Item 27-10 FF-07
APPROVAL OF JOINT TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT WITH HCESC SCHOOL - RELATED ACTIVITIES

BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the 2026-2027 Joint Transportation school-related activities agreement with the Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission serving as the Lead Educational Authority and Host District, with costs as follows:

Destination	Cost
Various	● $88 per hour - Bus ● $88 per hour - Van

Action Item 27-10 FF-08
APPROVAL OF DONATIONS

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

- Collection of historical Clinton Township School District yearbooks, from the 1960's, donated by Mr. Andrew Parr.
- Coffee and drinks donated to the Clinton Township Middle School, Patrick McGaheran School, and Spruce Run School from 7 Brew Coffee.
- Gift of $1,250 scholarship to the New Era Superintendent Summit (Achievement Summit 2026) for Dr. Melissa Stager.

Action Item 27-10 FF-09
ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THE SCHOOL BUS EMERGENCY EVACUATION DRILL STATEMENT AS STIPULATED BY 6A:27-11.2

WHEREAS, On Wednesday, September 23, 2026, the Clinton Township School District Principals/Administrators/Designated Staff for each school oversaw the school bus emergency evacuation drill for all routes and non-riders; and

WHEREAS, the Bus Emergency Evacuation Drill was held at the respective school's loading area during Spruce Run, Patrick McGaheran, Round Valley and Clinton Township Middle Schools' morning drop off times; and

WHEREAS, we are in the process of conducting the drill for all Clinton Township Students who

attend an alternative schools; and

WHEREAS, the safety and security of our students is of the highest priority for the Clinton Township Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6A:27-11.2 requires emergency exit drills at least twice within the school year for all students who are transported to and from school; and

WHEREAS, the Principals at each of the Clinton Township schools have conducted an emergency exit drill as indicated in the Table below;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Clinton Township Board of Education acknowledges the building Principal's adherence to district policy and procedure concerning the performance of the required emergency exit drills on the dates and at the times indicated below:

School Location	Principal (Who Supervised the Drill)	Date	Time	Route #
CTMS	Lori Lubieski-Hutmaker, Stephanie Rosa and Monitors	09/23/2026	7:35 am 9:30 am	M01-M08, M10-M14 All Non-Riders
RVS	Janell Smolk & Monitors	09/23/2026	8:30 am 9:10 am	R01-R02, R4-R11 All Non-Riders
PMG	Jennifer Sernotti & Monitors	09/23/2026	8:35 am 9:00 am	P01-P14, R11 All Non-Riders
SRS	Melissa Goad & Monitors	09/23/2026	9:00 am 9:30 am	P10, P11 All Non-Riders

Action Item 27-10 FF-10

RESOLUTION FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF LEGAL SERVICES COST CONTAINMENT PROCEDURES PURSUANT TO N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-5.2

WHEREAS, the Clinton Township School District Board of Education ("Board") is committed to maintaining fiscal responsibility and optimizing the use of public funds in its daily operations; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-5.2(a)(3) mandates that a school district implement legal cost containment procedures if its audited per-pupil legal costs for the pre-audit year (ended June 30, 2026) exceed 130 percent of the audited statewide average per-pupil legal costs for that same year, as published in the New Jersey Department of Education's *Taxpayers' Guide to Education Spending*; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Education has released the 2026 *Taxpayers' Guide to Education Spending*, which establishes the statewide average per-pupil legal cost threshold; and

WHEREAS, a review of the Board's audited financial data for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, indicates that the District's per-pupil legal costs exceeded the statewide average for that year; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-5.2(a)(3) requires the Board to adopt and implement cost containment procedures at its earliest public meeting subsequent to the release of the *Taxpayers' Guide to Education Spending*;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Clinton Township School District Board of Education, in the County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that the Board hereby adopts and implements the following legal services cost containment procedures, effective immediately, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-5.2(a)(3)(i) through (iv):

1. **Designated Contact Persons:** Only the Superintendent, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, or the Board President (or their explicit designees) are authorized to contact the Board's legal counsel.

2. **Written Requests:** All requests for legal advice from authorized staff or board members shall be made in writing, except in cases of emergency or where immediate verbal consultation is necessary to prevent imminent harm or legal liability.

3. **Tracking and Documentation:** The School Business Administrator shall maintain a log of all legal inquiries, including the date, the person making the request, the subject matter, and the time spent by legal counsel.

4. **Monthly Review:** The Superintendent and School Business Administrator shall review the legal logs and billing statements monthly to ensure compliance with this resolution and to assess the ongoing efficacy of these cost-reduction measures.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution and the established implementation procedures be forwarded to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools as evidence of compliance.

Action Item 27-10 FF-11
APPROVAL TO SUBMIT GRANT APPLICATIONS

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Clinton Township Board of Education approves the submission of grant applications for the Impact Aid Discretionary Construction Grant and the Students, Teachers, and Officers Preventing (STOP) School Violence Program Grant.

Board of Education Roll Call Vote on Action Items 27-10 FF-01 through 27-10 FF-11

	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	X
Nay									
Abstain									
Absent									

9 Yes Votes / Motion Carries

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

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

27-10 P-01 APPROVAL OF RETIREMENT
27-10 P-02 APPROVAL OF RESIGNATION(S)
27-10 P-03 APPROVAL OF EMPLOYMENT
27-10 P-04 APPROVE CHANGE IN ASSIGNMENT
27-10 P-05 APPROVE RESCISSION OF RESIGNATION
27-10 P-06 APPROVE LEAVE OF ABSENCE
27-10 P-07 REVIEW OF JOB DESCRIPTION(S)
27-10 P-08 APPROVAL OF CLUB ADVISORS/ COACHES/ CHAPERONE(S)
27-10 P-09 APPROVAL OF ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION
27-10 P-10 APPROVAL OF SUBSTITUTE(S) FOR 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR
27-10 P-11 APPROVAL OF BUILDING EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM(S) (BERT)

Action Item 27-10 P-01
APPROVAL OF RETIREMENT

BE IT RESOLVED, the Clinton Township Board of Education approves the retirement of the following employee:

#	Name	Position	Location	Effective Date	PCR#
1	Thomas Attanasio	Custodian	RVS	6/30/27	0000100
2	Patrick Gugliandolo	Art Teacher	RVS	6/30/27	0000195

Action Item 27-10 P-02

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	Lou Cousin	Custodian	CTMS	10/15/26	0000094
2	Carol Sondhi	Teaching Assistant	RVS	10/16/26	0001030
3	Jennifer Trimble-Morgan	Teaching Assistant	RVS	9/30/26	0001031

Action Item 27-10 P-03
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 the Superintendent of Schools:

#	Name / Account Number	Position	Location	Guide / Step / Salary	FTE	Effective Dates	PCR#
1	Wendy Lertola 11-120-100-101-992-040	Special Education Teacher Leave Replacement	RVS	MA Step 3 $71,700 (prorated)	1.0	8/25/26 to 1/14/27	0000202
2	Tricia Mendez 20-218-100-106-900-030	Teaching Assistant	SRPS	AA Step 11 $30,930 (prorated)	1.0	9/3/26 to 6/30/27	0001023
3	Rosa Melendez Moreno 11-000-262-107-900-040	Lunch Aide	RVS	$9,315 (prorated)	0.43	9/23/26 to 6/30/27	0000234
4	Alexander Castaneda 11-000-262-100-900-050	Custodian	CTMS	Step 13 $60,865 (prorated)	1.0	On or about 10/19/26 to 6/30/27	0000094

Action Item 27-10 P-04
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	Robin Conover 11-000-217-100-900-050	CTMS/TA (0.82 FTE) 0000253	CTMS/TA (1.0 FTE) 0000253	10/13/26

Action Item 27-10 P-05
APPROVE RESCISSION OF RESIGNATION

WHERAS, at the August 17, 2026 meeting, the Clinton Township Board of Education approved the resignation of employee # 49978901, effective August 12, 2026.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby rescinds and nullifies its prior action approving the resignation of Employee I.D. #49978901, which was taken in error.

Action Item 27-10 P-06
APPROVE LEAVE OF ABSENCE

BE IT RESOLVED, the Clinton Township Board of Education approves the following leave of absence:

#	Employee ID	Paid Leave With Benefits	Unpaid Leave With Benefits	Unpaid Leave Without Benefits	Return to Work Date
1	13612759	NA	10/19/2026-1/15/2027	NA	1/18/2027

Action Item 27-10 P-07
REVIEW 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 October 12, 2026:

- Intramurals/Interscholastic (Athletic) Advisor

Action Item 27-10 P-08
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:

11-000-221-104-990-050

#	Advisor/Coach	Sport/Club	Amount
CTMS			
1	Adele Marky	Cross Country Head Coach	$2,303.91 (revised)

Action Item 27-10 P-09
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	Priscilia Karalevich 11-000-213-100-996-050	CTMS	Additional Summer Work	8/3/26-8/21/26	$59.75	$2,808.25 Not to exceed 47 hrs
2	Tammi Branch 11-214-100-106-999-030	SRS	Toileting	1st Marking Period 2026-2027 SY	NA	$187.50
3	Stacy-Ann James 11-214-100-106-999-030	SRS	Toileting	1st Marking Period 2026-2027 SY	NA	$187.50
4	Ronda Ferri 11-000-223-104-997-040	RVS	Preparation & Presentation for 10/12/26 PD Day	2 Hours	$39.06	Not to exceed $78.12
5	Kelly Hill 11-000-223-104-997-040	RVS	Preparation & Presentation for 10/12/26 PD Day	2 Hours	$39.06	Not to exceed $78.12
6	Danielle Nugent 11-000-223-104-997-040	District	Preparation & Presentation for 10/12/26 PD Day	2 Hours	$39.06	Not to exceed $78.12
7	Amanda Wayne 11-000-223-104-997-035	PMG	Preparation & Presentation for 10/12/26 PD Day	2 Hours	$39.06	Not to exceed $78.12
8	Malabika Chakraborty 11-000-223-104-997-035	PMG	Preparation & Presentation for 10/12/26 PD Day	1 Hour	$39.06	Not to exceed $39.06
9	Sonia Damanakis 11-000-223-104-997-050	CTMS	Preparation & Presentation for 10/12/26 PD Day	1 Hour	$39.06	Not to exceed $39.06

10	Jennifer Taylor 11-000-223-104-997-050	CTMS	Preparation & Presentation for 10/12/26 PD Day	1 Hour	$39.06	Not to exceed $39.06
11	Christa Brand 11-000-223-104-997-040	District	Preparation & Presentation for 10/12/26 PD Day	7.5 Hours	$39.06	Not to exceed $292.95
12	Christina Giordano 11-000-223-104-997-050	CTMS	Preparation & Presentation for 10/12/26 PD Day	7.5 Hours	$39.06	Not to exceed $292.95

Action Item 27-10 P-10

APPROVAL OF SUBSTITUTES FOR THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR

Account Numbers to be used pending on assignment:

#	Substitute Teacher(s)/Substitute Teaching Assistant(s)	Daily Rate	Half-Day Rate	Effective Date
1	Catherine Brennan	$150.00	$75.00	10/13/26
2	Krista Kappus	$150.00	$75.00	10/13/26
3	Heather Karp	$150.00	$75.00	10/13/26
4	Carol Phillips	$150.00	$75.00	10/13/26
5	Shilpi Priyadarshani	$150.00	$75.00	10/13/26

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 11-213-100-101-989-05

Action Item 27-10 P-11

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:

RVS
Aly Pfenning

Board of Education Roll Call Vote on Action Items 27-10 P-01 through 27-10 P-11

	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	X
Nay									

Abstain									P-10#1
Absent									

9 Yes Votes / Motion Carries

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

27-10 PR-01 APPROVAL OF FIRST READING
27-10 PR-02 APPROVAL OF SECOND READING
27-10 PR-03 APPROVAL OF REVIEWED POLICIES AND REGULATIONS

Action Item 27-10 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 October 12, 2026:

- Regulation 7420.2 - Chemical Hygiene (M)

FURTHERMORE, BE IT RESOLVED, these policies and regulations shall be presented to the Board for adoption after a second reading at the November 16, 2026 Board Meeting.

Action Item 27-10 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 September 14, 2026:

- Policy 3216 - Dress and Grooming (Teaching Staff)
- Policy 4216 - Dress and Grooming (Support Staff)
- Regulation 7420.1 - Bloodborne Pathogen Exposure Control Plan (M)

- Policy 7422 - School Integrated Pest Management Plan (M)
- Regulation 7422 - School Integrated Pest Management Plan (M)
- Regulation 8420.3 - Natural Disasters and Man-made Catastrophes (M)
- Regulation 8420.4 - Kidnapping (M)
- Policy 8662 - Transportation by Private or District-Owned Vehicles - To and From School (M)
- Regulation 8690 - Monitoring Devices on School Vehicles

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 October 12, 2026.

Action Item 27-10 PR-03
APPROVAL OF REVIEWED POLICIES AND REGULATIONS

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Clinton Township Board of Education has reviewed the following policies, regulations, and bylaws at this Board Meeting on October 12, 2026:

- Policy 9190 - Community Organizations
- Regulation 9190 - Community Organizations
- Policy 7420 - Hygienic Management (M)
- Regulation 7420 - Handling and Disposal of Body Wastes and Fluids (M)
- Policy 7513 - Recreational Use of Playgrounds
- Regulation 7513 - Rules for Playground Conduct
- Policy 6210 - Fiscal Planning
- Regulation 6210 - Fiscal Planning

Board of Education Roll Call Vote on Action Items 27-10 PR-01 through 27-10 PR-03

	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	X
Nay									
Abstain									
Absent									

9 Yes Votes / Motion Carries

CURRICULUM:
Ms. Kaltenbach- Chair; Dr. Hornick, Ms. Miller

27-10 CUR-01 APPROVAL OF TRAVEL EXPENDITURES
27-10 CUR-02 APPROVAL OF SERVICES FOR 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR
27-10 CUR-03 APPROVAL OF OUT OF DISTRICT TUITION PLACEMENT FOR 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR
27-10 CUR-04 APPROVAL OF PRACTICUM REQUESTS
27-10 CUR-05 APPROVAL OF SCHOOL FIELD TRIP TRANSPORTATION
27-10 CUR-06 APPROVAL OF 2026-2027 NURSING SERVICES PLAN
27-10 CUR-07 APPROVAL OF INTERN AFFILIATION AGREEMENT WITH KEAN UNIVERSITY
27-10 CUR-08 APPROVAL OF PARTICIPATION IN NJDOE STRONG-ER LITERACY COACHING INITIATIVE
27-10 CUR-09 APPROVAL OF SUPPLEMENTAL INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIAL

Action Item 27-10 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	Bonnie Birken	New Jersey Student Learning Assessments-Adaptive (NJSLA-A) Grade 7 ELA Item Review Meeting in Plainsboro, NJ	10/19/26 - 10/20/26	$0.00
2	Erin Evans	2026 Sustainable Jersey for Schools Awards Ceremony "A to L" in Atlantic City, NJ	10/21/26	$0.00
3	Frank Murgittroyd	Puresan Clean and Maintain Expo in Kenilworth, NJ	10/23/26	$0.00
4	Brett Liskowaski	Puresan Clean and Maintain Expo in Kenilworth, NJ	10/23/26	$0.00
5	Melissa Goad	HIB Law Update in New Providence, NJ	10/28/26	$195.00
6	Melissa Goad	MUJC School Counselor Subcommittee Meeting in New Providence, NJ	11/16/26 & 2/17/27	$0.00
7	Melissa Goad	NJPSA Early Childhood Leadership Series in Monroe Township, NJ	2/8/27 & 5/5/27	$190.00
8	Robin Kiefer	NHHS Math Articulation in Annandale, NJ	2/10/27	$0.00

#	Employee/ Account Number	Program Title/Location	Date(s)	Registration Cost
9	Adriana King	2027 Spring Conference NJ Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages/NJ Bilingual Educators in New Brunswick, NJ	5/25/27 - 5/27/27	$600.00
10	Kristina Knapp	Understanding Special Education Beyond the Jargon in New Providence, NJ	11/24/26	$105.00
11	Amanda Livesey	Morris-Union Jointure Commission (MUJC) Subcommittee Meeting in New Providence, NJ	1/26/27 & 4/5/27	$0.00
12	Stephanie Rodrigues-Silva	Coaching for Change in PEA Classrooms: Data-Driven Practices for Early Childhood Learning Success Part 2 in Trenton, NJ	10/16/26	$0.00
13	Laura Schmidt	Morris-Union Jointure Commission (MUJC) Subcommittee Meeting: Gifted & Talented in New Providence, NJ	2/9/27	$0.00
14	Dr. Melissa Stager	The New Era Superintendents Summit 2026 (Achieve Summit) in Heber City, UT	11/4/26 - 11/6/26	$0.00
15	Heather Stanley	2026 Sustainable Jersey for Schools Awards Ceremony "A to L" in Atlantic City, NJ	10/21/26	$0.00
16	Jennifer Taylor	Project Citizen for Grades 4-12 in Piscataway, NJ	3/9/27	$0.00
17	Stephanie Rosa	Morris-Union Jointure Commission (MUJC) Subcommittee Meeting in New Providence, NJ	10/30/26 & 2/23/27	$0.00
18	Laura Greenstein	Visit to North Plainfield Elementary School North Plainfield, NJ	TBD	$0.00
	Total Costs inclusive of flight, lodging, meals, and mileage, etc, if applicable, on attached Schedule A			

Action Item 27-10 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:

#	SERVICE	PROVIDER/ACCOUNT NUMBER	COST

1	Contracted Academic Instruction for SID #8350501379	Delta-T 11-150-100-320-084-040	Not to exceed 10 hrs a week Approx. dates 9/18/26-10/30/26 $2,912
2	Contracted Academic Instruction for SID #4344377367	Delta T 11-150-100-320-084-040	Not to exceed 10 hrs a week Approx. dates 9/16/26- 10/30/26 $2,600
3	Contracted Academic Instruction for SID #6259931921	LearnWell 11-150-100-320-084-050	Not to exceed 10 hrs a week Approx. dates 10/2/26-11/1/26 $3,495.25
4	Nonpublic Security Initiative for Immaculate Conception School	Fox Fence 20-511-200-600-084-499	Not to exceed $34,544.37
5	Brett DiNovi & Associates	Behavior/Educational Consultation Services 11-000-216-320-084-040	Not to exceed $30,000

Action Item 27-10 CUR-03

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(s)	Service	Dates	Cost Not to Exceed /Account Number
1	Burlington County School District	4756857185	Out of District Tuition	9/21/2026-6/17/2027	$4,425.50 20-250-100-500-084-000 $128,161.50 11-000-100-566-084-000
2	Somerset County Educational Services Commission	8350501379	Out of District Tuition/Related Services	10/8/2026-6/18/2027	$95,613.00 11-000-100-566-084-000

Action Item 27-10 CUR-04

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:
1	Jennifer Ronkiewicz	Warren Middle School	TBD	Kelly DiGioia	8 Hours
2	Cole McGourty	Bachelor of Arts from Kean University with a Certification in Health & Physical Education	TBD	Scott Annan	100 Hours
3	Nermina Samulak	B.A. Art Education - Fine Arts Education (K-12) from Kean University	TBD	Jennifer Noone & Kelly DiGioia	180 Hours

Action Item 27-10 CUR-05
APPROVAL OF SCHOOL FIELD TRIP TRANSPORTATION

BE IT RESOLVED, the Clinton Township Board of Education approves the following field trips:

#	Trip Dates	Description	Class/ Group	Trip Coordinator	Cost For Bus	Board Expense
1	Fall Season	Pumpkin Patch Von Thun Farms Washington, NJ	1st Grade	Heather Stanley Laura Jaw	$1,408.00	No
2	Spring Season	Oakwood Lanes Washington, NJ	6th Grade	Kelly Gallo, SherriAnn Parsh	$528.00	No
3	Fall Season	Lost River Caverns Hellertown, PA	2nd Grade	Joy Boisclair	$1,254.00	No
4	Winter Season	Shawnee Mountain Ski Resort East Stroudsburg, PA	6th, 7th & 8th Grade	Richard Tariff	$14,280.00 based on 2 buses per trip	No
5	Fall Season	Hunterdon Art Museum Clinton, NJ	7th Grade	Kelly DiGioia/ Laura Schmidt	$176.00	Yes
6	Winter Season	NJ State House and Museum Trenton, NJ	8th Grade	Jennifer Taylor/ Laura Schmidt	$528.00	No
7	Spring Season	Gettysburg National Park and Visitors Center Gettysburg, PA	7th Grade	Jennifer Taylor/ Laura Schmidt	$2,093.75	No

Action Item 27-10 CUR-06
APPROVAL OF 2026-2027 NURSING SERVICES PLAN

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

Action Item 27-10 CUR-07
APPROVAL OF INTERN AFFILIATION AGREEMENT WITH KEAN UNIVERSITY

WHEREAS, the University wishes to collaborate with Clinton Township School District in planning placement opportunities for the University students as Clinical Interns at the District Schools: and

WHEREAS, both the University and CTSD also agree that Clinical II students, who have the required credential as a Substitute Teacher, may be provided the opportunity to teach at CTSD schools in the absence of their cooperating teacher for monetary compensation;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises hereinafter contained, CTSD and Kean University agree as follows:
Term: This agreement shall be in effect for a period of three (3) years commencing on 07/28/2026 and expiring on 12/31/2029. The agreement may be extended upon written mutual consent of the parties.

Action Item 27-10 CUR-08
APPROVAL OF PARTICIPATION IN NJDOE STRONG-ER LITERACY COACHING INITIATIVE

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE), in partnership with Rutgers University, has launched Systems for Tiered Reading and Ongoing Growth in Early Reading (STRONG-ER), a literacy leadership team training and coaching initiative for districts serving students in kindergarten through grade 3; and

WHEREAS, STRONG-ER is designed to build local capacity to implement the New Jersey Tiered System of Supports for Early Reading (NJTSS-ER) through live webinar-based training, coaching sessions with NJTSS-ER Regional Coaches, online coursework and implementation resources, and cross-district communities of practice; and

WHEREAS, the Clinton Township School District has agreed to participate in the STRONG-ER initiative for the 2026-2027 school year;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Clinton Township Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the District's participation in the NJDOE STRONG-ER Leadership Team Training and Literacy Coaching Support initiative for the 2026-2027 school year, at no cost to the District.

Action Item 27-10 CUR-09
APPROVAL OF SUPPLEMENTAL INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIAL
BE IT RESOLVED, the Clinton Township Board of Education approves the following supplemental instructional material for use in recognition of Veterans Day, November 11, 2026.

Title	Source	School
Veterans: Heroes in Our	Storytime Channel for Kids	RVS

Neighborhood	(YouTube)	

Board of Education Roll Call Vote on Action Items 27-10 CUR-01 through 27-10 CUR-09

	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	X
Nay									
Abstain									
Absent									

9 Yes Votes / Motion Carries

Busing Ad. Hoc - Update

Mr. Fernandes reported on the family feedback forum held regarding the pilot bus routes.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

SECOND RECOGNITION OF THE PUBLIC:

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

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; and

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 HIB and legal matter(s); and

WHEREAS, the length of the executive session is expected to be approximately 20 minutes, after which the meeting shall reconvene and proceed with business wherein action may be taken; and

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

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

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion to approve the above executive session resolution for the board adjourning to closed session for the reasons and duration stated above, after which the meeting shall reconvene and proceed with business wherein action may be taken.

Action 27-10 AJ-01
Motion made by Dr. Blumenfeld, seconded by Ms. Preston, to adjourn the meeting of the Clinton Township Board of Education to executive session at 8:29 p.m.

By Consensus: 9 Yes Votes

RECONVENE TO PUBLIC SESSION:

Action 27-10 AJ-02
Motion made by Mr. Fernandes, seconded by Ms. Kaltenbach, to reconvene the meeting of the Clinton Township Board of Education to public session at 8:47 p.m.

By Consensus: 9 Yes Votes

Action Item 27-10 SU-06
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby affirms the first 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 313065
- HIB Report Tracking Number 312887
- HIB Report Tracking Number 312772
- HIB Report Tracking Number 312740
- HIB Report Tracking Number 312190

Board of Education Roll Call Vote on Action Item 27-10 SU-06

	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	X

Nay									
Abstain									
Absent									

9 Yes Votes / Motion Carries

ADJOURNMENT:

Action 27-10 AJ-03
Motion made by Ms. Kaltenbach, seconded by Mr. Fernandes, to adjourn the meeting of the Clinton Township Board of Education at 8:48 p.m.

By Consensus: 9 Yes Votes

NEXT MEETING DATES:

Nov 16, 2026 Jan 4, 2027 *Reorganization Meeting

Dec 14, 2026

Respectfully Submitted

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Murat Yazici
Business Administrator/Board Secretary