

CLINTON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION RETREAT MEETING MINUTES

July 27, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. Clinton Township Middle School Cafeteria 34 Grayrock Rd, Clinton, NJ 08809



CALL TO ORDER: Ms. Brennan called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

PUBLICATION OF NOTICE:

Ms Brennan read the following statement: In accordance with the provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, Laws of 1975, adequate notice of this meeting was provided through public notice on May 8, 2023.

- 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.
- a. Please note that this meeting will not be streamed.

ROLL CALL:

Board Member	Present	Absent	Time of arrival after meeting called to order:
Dr. Michael Blumenfeld	X		
Ms. Stacie-Ann Creighton	X		
Ms. Catherine Mary Emery			3:15 pm
Mr. Scott Hornick		X	
Ms. Jennifer Kaltenbach	X		
Ms. Alyssa Oliver	X		
Mr. Daniel Rosa	X		
Dr. Catherine Riihimaki	X		
Ms. Lana Brennan	X		

Also present were the following administrators:

- Dr. Melissa Stager, Superintendent of Schools
- Dr. Gretchen Dempsey, School Business Administrator / Board Secretary

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

FIRST RECOGNITION OF THE PUBLIC:

Ms. Brennan asked if anybody was interested in speaking to the board and there were no requests made to speak from the public in attendance.

BOARD RETREAT AGENDA

1. Superintendent

Dr. Stager reviewed the goals and expectations for the board retreat, as well as the program agenda.

2. Presentation by Gwen Thornton of N.J. School Boards

Ms. Gwen Thornton of NJSBA presented on and led the board in discussing *The Board's Role in Policy*. In addition, Ms. Thornton reviewed the requirements for becoming a certified Board.

The board took a 10 minute recess from 4:28 pm - 4:38 pm.

3. Review District Goals and Discussion

Dr. Stager led the board in a review and discussion of the 3 administratively-developed district goals for the 2023-2024 school year.

The board worked from 5:34 - 5:54 to generate ideas for their board goals

4. Review Board Goals and Discussion

Dr. Stager asked the board to review their goals from 2022-2023 and led a discussion that resulted in a draft of board goals for 2023-24.

5. Board Self Evaluation

Dr. Stager asked the board to consider their self-evaluation. She led a discussion around things that stood out, questions that were revealed, and area(s) for growth.

- 6. Governance
- 7. Dr. Stager presented the draft of the Governance calendar. The board agreed to finalize it for the September BOE meeting.
- Dr. Stager asked the board to review the draft of the governance calendar.

ADJOURNMENT:

Action 24-AJ-001

Motion made by Ms. Kaltenbach, seconded by Ms. Oliver, to adjourn the meeting of the Clinton Township Board of Education at 7:43 p.m.

By Consensus: 8 Ayes, 1 Absent

NEXT MEETING DATES:

August 14, 2023

October 16, 2023

January 3, 2024 *

September 11, 2023

December 11, 2023

*Organization Meeting

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Gretchen Dempsey

School Business Administrator/Board Secretary