

**CLINTON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
September 28, 2023 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:**

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 September 25, 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.
- d. Please note that this meeting will be streamed.

**ROLL CALL:**

<b>Board Member</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Time of arrival after meeting called to order:</b>
Dr. Michael Blumenfeld	X		
Ms. Stacie-Ann Creighton	X		
Ms. Catherine Mary Emery	X		
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:** Ms. Kaltenbach led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

- Preschool Expansion - Dr. Stager spoke about the timing of the NJDOE's decision notification to CTSD regarding the district's Preschool Expansion Aid application and her enthusiasm for the opportunity the program affords families in the community.

**FIRST RECOGNITION OF THE PUBLIC:**

Ms. Brennan read a statement introducing public comments and asked if anybody was interested in speaking to the board. There were no requests to speak from the public in attendance.

**BOARD ACTION:**

**24-BA-011 APPROVAL OF STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FUNDING FOR PRESCHOOL EDUCATION AID (PEA)**

**Action Item 24-BA-011**

**APPROVAL OF STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FUNDING FOR PRESCHOOL EDUCATION AID (PEA)**

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey Department of Education and the State of New Jersey released the Preschool Expansion Notice of Funding Opportunity to eligible school districts in an effort to increase access to high-quality preschool for three- and four-year-old children in the 2023-2024 school year; and

**WHEREAS**, the Clinton Township School District has space in Spruce Run School for a full-day preschool program and was eligible for funding to increase the number of children served and length of the current preschool program day to better prepare students before they enter kindergarten; and

**WHEREAS**, the Clinton Township School District's Board of Education approved submission of the district's Preschool Education Aid (PEA) application on August 14, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, the State Department of Education notified Clinton Township School District that the district's PEA application was approved for \$966,030 of PEA funding for the 2023-2024 school year;

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Clinton Township Board of Education accepts the State Department of Education's allocation of PEA funding for the 2023-2024 school year.

**Board of Education Roll Call Vote on Action Item 24-BA-011**

	Dr. Blumenfeld	Ms. Creighton	Ms. Emery	Mr. Hornick	Ms. Kaltenbach	Ms. Oliver	Mr. Rosa	Dr. Riihimaki	Ms. Brennan
<b>Motion</b>						2nd		Motioned	
<b>Aye</b>	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X
<b>Nay</b>									
<b>Abstain</b>									
<b>Absent</b>				X					

**8 Yes Votes, 1 Absent  
Motion Carries**

**SECOND RECOGNITION OF THE PUBLIC:**

Ms. Brennan read a statement introducing public comments and asked if anybody was interested in speaking to the board. There were no requests to speak from the public in attendance.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**Action 24-AJ-004**

**Motion made** by Dr. Blumenfeld, seconded by Ms. Creighton, to adjourn the meeting of the Clinton Township Board of Education at 7:05 p.m.

**By Consensus: 8 Yes Votes, 1 Absent**

**NEXT MEETING DATES:**

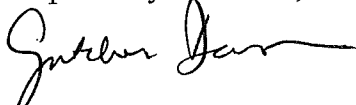
October 16, 2023

December 11, 2023

January 3, 2024 \*

\*Organization Meeting

Respectfully submitted,



Dr. Gretchen Dempsey  
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary