

**CLIFTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
CLIFTON, NJ 07013
MINUTES**

REGULAR MEETING: Wednesday, March 6, 2019 at 6:00 PM
EXECUTIVE SESSION: Executive Session will follow Regular Meeting

LOCATION: 745 CLIFTON AVENUE, CLIFTON, NJ 07013

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION RESERVES THE RIGHT TO MEET IN EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL, NEGOTIATIONS AND/OR LITIGATIONS.

The meeting was opened by the Board Vice President.

Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS:

Mr. Fahim K. Abedrabbo
Ms. Arlene Agresti
Mr. Tafari Anderson
Ms. Judith A. Bassford
Mr. James Daley
Ms. Lucy Danny – VICE PRESIDENT
Mr. Lawrence Grasso
Mr. Frank W. Kasper
Mr. Gary Passenti – PRESIDENT - absent

ALSO PRESENT:

Richard Tardalo, Superintendent of Schools
Michael Ucci, Business Administrator /Board Secretary
Yusein Durakov, Assistant Business Administrator/Assistant Board Secretary
Derlys Gutierrez, Board Attorney

MISSION STATEMENT:

THE MISSION OF THE CLIFTON SCHOOL DISTRICT, IN AN OPEN AND RECIPROCAL COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP, IS TO PROVIDE ALL STUDENTS WITH A QUALITY EDUCATION TO DEVELOP THE SKILLS NECESSARY TO BECOME LITERATE, LIFE-LONG LEARNERS WHO ARE RESPONSIBLE AND PRODUCTIVE CITIZENS CONTRIBUTING TO A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY IN AN EVER-CHANGING WORLD.

READING OF THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS STATEMENT:

“THE NEW JERSEY OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS LAW WAS ENACTED TO INSURE THE RIGHT TO THE PUBLIC TO HAVE ADVANCE NOTICE OF AND TO ATTEND THE MEETINGS OF PUBLIC BODIES AT WHICH ANY BUSINESS AFFECTING THEIR INTEREST IS DISCUSSED OR ACTED UPON.”

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT, THE CLIFTON BOARD OF EDUCATION HAS CAUSED NOTICE OF THIS MEETING TO BE PUBLICIZED BY HAVING THE DATE, TIME AND PLACE THEREOF POSTED AT THE CITY CLERK’S OFFICE, CLIFTON PUBLIC LIBRARY, ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, SENIOR CITIZEN NUTRITION CENTER, ON CABLE TV, IN THE

LOCAL PRESS, ON THE DISTRICT’S WEB SITE, AND MAILED TO PRESIDENTS OF PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATIONS.

THIS MEETING WILL BE TAPE RECORDED IN ACCORDANCE WITH POLICY – 0168...

PUBLIC RECOGNITION: None

There was a motion for continuance of the public portion of the meeting after executive session.
MOTION BY Lawrence Grasso SECOND BY Fahim Abedrabbo VOTE all Board members agreed

EXECUTIVE SESSION: 6:10 PM

MOTION FOR RESOLUTION to convene in Executive Session to discuss litigation matters. IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Vice President will announce that following Executive Session, the public will be advised of the nature of the discussion and/or notified when formal action may be taken.

MOTION BY Tafari Anderson SECOND BY Arlene Agresti VOTE 8-0

YES: Abedrabbo, Bassford, Kasper, Daley, Anderson, Grasso, Agresti, Danny

ABSENT: Passenti

ACTION WILL BE TAKEN

RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION: 6:25 PM

Roll call after executive session showed all present except Mr. Passenti.

PUBLIC RECOGNITION: None

A. EDUCATION/ADMINISTRATION:

Item EA-3/6/19-01 will be voted upon in one motion.

MOTION BY Frank Kasper SECOND BY Lawrence Grasso VOTE 8-0

YES: Abedrabbo, Bassford, Kasper, Daley, Anderson, Grasso, Agresti, Danny

ABSENT: Passenti

EA-3/6/19-01 – Authorizing Litigation to Appeal the Decisions of the Commissioner of Education Regarding Charter School Approvals

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Education has approved at least one charter school for additional funding from the Clifton Board of Education and it is anticipated that more approvals are imminent; and

WHEREAS, the Clifton Board of Education feels that these approvals will be detrimental to the educational needs of all of the students of the City of Clifton and of the Clifton Public Schools by depriving them of necessary funding;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Clifton Board of Education hereby authorizes the Board Attorney to take whatever steps are necessary to appeal the Commissioner of Education’s decisions through the judicial process; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, Business Administrator and Board Attorney are hereby authorized to take whatever steps are necessary to effectuate the purposes of this resolution.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: 6:30 PM

MOTION FOR RESOLUTION to convene in Executive Session to discuss Superintendent contract training by Robert Greitz, Esq., New Jersey School Boards Assoc. IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Vice President will announce that following Executive Session, the public will be advised of the nature of the discussion and/or notified when formal action may be taken.

MOTION BY Judy Bassford SECOND BY Fahim Abedrabbo VOTE all Board members agreed

ACTION WILL NOT BE TAKEN

ADJOURNED: 7:15 PM

[NOTE: This document is subject to additions, withdrawals, and modifications without notice.]

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Ucci
Board Secretary

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