

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

REGULAR MEETING: Wednesday, March 22, 2017 at 7:00 PM

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 President.

Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS:

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

ALSO PRESENT:

Richard Tardalo, Superintendent of Schools
Edward Appleton, Interim Business Administrator/Interim Board Secretary
Michael Ucci, Assistant Board Administrator /Assistant Board Secretary
Frances Febres, Board Attorney

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...

RECOGNITION AND AWARD PRESENTATIONS: None

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

FIRST READING OF POLICY: None

PRESENTATIONS OF REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION, ADVISORY COMMITTEES & SPECIAL COMMITTEES: None

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

PUBLIC RECOGNITION: Agenda Items Only - None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

A. EDUCATION/ADMINISTRATION:

Items EA-3/22/17-01 through EA-3/22/17-05 will be voted upon in one motion.

MOTION BY Arlene Agresti SECOND BY Lawrence Grasso VOTE 7-0

YES: Abedrabbo, Agresti, Anderson, Bassford, Daley, Grasso, Passenti

ABSTAIN: Bassford (EA-02 and EA-03 only)

ABSENT: Danny, Pino

EA-3/22/17-01 -- Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying (HIB) Report

RESOLVED, that the Clifton Board of Education accepts the recommendation of the Superintendent to affirm the November and December 2016 and January 2017 Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying (HIB) Reports presented by Superintendent, Richard Tardalo in Executive Session on March 8, 2017.

EA-3/22/17-02 -- Acceptance of Four-Year Preschool Expansion Grant Program Plan Update

RESOLVED, that the Clifton Board of Education accepts the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools to submit the Four-Year Preschool Expansion Grant Program Plan Update for 2014-2015 through 2018-2019 in partnership with the New Jersey Department of Education.

EA-3/22/17- 03 -- Acceptance of Preschool Expansion Grant One Year Budget Plan

RESOLVED, that the Clifton Board of Education accepts the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools to submit the Preschool Expansion Grant One Year Budget Plan for 2017-2018 in partnership with the New Jersey Department of Education.

EA-3/22/17-04 -- Tuition Students

a. RESOLVED, that student D.A. (I.D. 29262) is hereby approved by the Clifton Board of Education for out-of-district placement (McKinney-Vento) for the 2016-2017 school year with Passaic Public Schools, with Clifton responsible for the tuition of \$15,838 (prorated) effective October 14, 2016 through June 30, 2017. There is no cost for transportation.

b. RESOLVED, that student J.R. (I.D. 102988) is hereby approved by the Clifton

Board of Education for out-of-district placement (McKinney-Vento) for the 2016-2017 school year with Passaic Public Schools, with Clifton responsible for the tuition of \$15,838 (prorated) effective November 16, 2016 through June 30, 2017. There is no cost for transportation.

EA-3/22/17-05 -- Approval of Field Trip(s)

RESOLVED, that the Clifton Board of Education accepts the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools to approve the following list of field trip destinations for the 2016-2017 school year.

CHS, Robotics Team	Rockland Community College, Suffern, NY
School #13, Grade 4 students	American Labor Museum, Haledon, NJ and Paterson Museum, Paterson, NJ
CHS, Auto Class students	Lincoln Tech, South Plainfield, NJ
School #13, Grade 1 students	Alstede Farms, Chester, NJ
CHS, Cultural Diversity and ERASE Club students	Medieval Times, Lyndhurst, NJ
School #12, Grade 4 students	Wild West City, Netcong, NJ
School #9, Special Education students	Field Station: Dinosaurs Overpeck County Park, Leonia, NJ

B. PERSONNEL:

Items P-3/22/17-01 through P-3/22/17-09 will be voted upon in one motion.

MOTION BY Arlene Agresti SECOND BY Lawrence Grasso VOTE 7-0

YES: Abedrabbo, Agresti, Anderson, Bassford, Daley, Grasso, Pasenti

ABSENT: Danny, Pino

P-3/22/17-01 -- Leaves of Absence

RESOLVED, that the following leaves of absence, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, are hereby approved by the Clifton Board of Education.

Employee ID #3712	CHS, Special Education Teacher	Paid & Unpaid FMLA	2/27/17-with a return date to be determined
Employee ID #6361	School #5, Speech Language Specialist	Paid FMLA	3/27/17-3/31/17
Employee ID #3272	Transportation, Bus Aide	Paid & Unpaid LOA	1/27/17-3/31/17
Employee ID #5576	School #12, p/t Paraprofessional	Unpaid FMLA on an intermittent basis	3/14/17-6/30/17
Employee ID #2384	School #12, School Nurse	Paid FMLA	2/24/17-3/2/17
Employee ID #2384	School #12, School Nurse	Paid FMLA	3/9/17-3/17/17
Employee ID #5817	CCMS, Science Teacher	Paid FMLA	4/5/17-4/7/17
Employee ID #5817	CCMS, Science Teacher	Paid FMLA on an intermittent basis	4/17/17-6/5/17
Employee ID #4341	CHS, Mathematics Teacher	Paid FMLA	4/4/17-6/30/17

P-3/22/17-02 -- Amendment of Leave(s) of Absence

a. RESOLVED, that the Superintendent of Schools recommends the paid FMLA granted to Employee ID #4335, Bus Driver assigned to Transportation, at the meeting of March 8, 2017 under Resolution P-3/8/17-02, be amended to reflect a start date of April 4, 2017 – with a return date to be determined.

b. RESOLVED, that the Superintendent of Schools recommends the paid FMLA granted to Employee ID #5529, p/t Paraprofessional assigned to School #16, at the meeting of March 8, 2017 under Resolution P-3/8/17-02, be amended to reflect an end date of March 8, 2017.

c. RESOLVED, that the Superintendent of Schools recommends the paid and unpaid FMLA granted to Employee ID #5576, p/t Paraprofessional assigned to School #12, at the meeting of March 8, 2017 under Resolution P-3/8/17-02, be amended to reflect an end date March 10, 2017.

d. RESOLVED, that the Superintendent of Schools recommends the unpaid FMLA granted to Employee ID #2276, Custodian assigned to School #13 and School #14, at the meeting of March 8, 2017 under Resolution P-3/8/17-02, be amended to reflect a start date of January 23, 2017 to March 3, 2017.

e. RESOLVED, that the Superintendent of Schools recommends the paid FMLA on an intermittent basis granted to Employee ID #3360, Director of Curriculum/Instruction & Federally Funded Programs assigned to the District, at the meeting of December 7, 2016 under Resolution P-12/7/16-02, be amended to reflect an end date of March 20, 2017.

P-3/22/17-03 -- Amendment of Appointment(s)

a. RESOLVED, that the Superintendent of Schools recommends the appointment of Diana Butman, LTS, Kindergarten Teacher assigned to School #1, at the meeting of January 31, 2017 under Resolution P-1/31/17-29, be amended to reflect an end date of March 7, 2017.

b. RESOLVED, that the Superintendent of Schools recommends the appointment of Sheila Dostanko, TTR, Grade 4 Teacher assigned to School #12, at the meeting of November 16, 2016 under Resolution P-11/16/16-23, be amended to reflect an end date of April 7, 2017.

c. RESOLVED, that the Superintendent of Schools recommends the appointment of Amy Casperson, Special Education Inclusion Teacher assigned to WWMS, at the meeting of March 8, 2017 under Resolution P-3/8/17-15, be amended to reflect a start date of March 27, 2017.

P-3/22/17-04 -- Amendment of Resignation(s)

a. RESOLVED, that the Superintendent of Schools recommends the resignation Of Nadine Decius, Substitute Paraprofessional/Translator assigned to the District, at the meeting of March 8, 2017 under Resolution P-3/8/17-01, be amended to reflect an effective date of March 7, 2017.

P-3/22/17-05 -- Additional Appointments for At Risk Tutoring Program

RESOLVED, that the Clifton Board of Education accepts the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools to appoint the following district teachers as After School Program teachers for English Language Learners and At-Risk students. Title III tutoring program for English Language Learners will be held at schools #11, #12, #17, CCMS and CHS on an as needed basis. The Title I program for At-Risk students will be held at School #12 and CCMS. Instruction is two hours daily on one or more days per week depending on students' needs beginning on Tuesday, November 1, 2016 through Friday, March 31, 2017. Teachers will be compensated at \$35.00 per hour, entirely grant funded.

School assignments indicated are for this program and may change based on enrollment.

Patricia Briolotti - #12			
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P-3/22/17-06 -- Additional Appointment of Mentors

RESOLVED, that the Clifton Board of Education accepts the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint the following teacher(s) as potential Mentors under Achieve NJ/Teach NJ Legislation for the 2016-2017 school year.

Mentors for Novice Teachers (traditional route) will be paid \$550 based on one full year of mentoring by mentee. Mentors for Novice Teachers (alternate route) will be paid \$450 for the first 8 weeks and \$550 for the remaining school year by mentee. Mentors for Experienced Teachers will receive professional development hours.

Donna Ploch			
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P-3/22/17-07 -- Conference Request(s)

RESOLVED, that the Clifton Board of Education accepts the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools to approve the following staff member(s) for attendance/fees at the listed conferences.

Employee Name	Conference/Workshop	Location	Date	Expense
Steven Roth	CPI – Nonviolent Crisis Intervention	Edison, NJ	5/9/17-5/12/17	\$1,299.00 tuition, \$82.34 mileage, IDEA Funded
Alyssa Bono	NJSCA Annual Spring Conference	Union, NJ	3/31/17	\$35.00
Phyllis Puzzo	Anxiety Disorders in Children & Adolescents Recognizing & Treating the Emerging Epidemic	New York, NY	4/28/17	\$199.99, \$2.10 mileage
Rafael Matos	Building Teacher Leadership Through Classroom	Monroe, NJ	3/29/17	\$149.00

	Walkthroughs			
Eva Rogozinski	English Language Learners & the Law	Monroe, NJ	4/5/17	\$150.00, \$25.36 mileage
Ralph Cinque, Jr.	Rutgers Football Coaches Clinic	New Brunswick, NJ	4/7/17 & 4/18/17	\$60.00
Alyssa DiNapoli	NAfME Eastern Division Conference	Atlantic City, NJ	4/5/17-4/8/17	\$50.00
David White	Raise Reading and Writing Proficiency and Increase PARCC Scores	Wayne, NJ	3/27/17	No Cost
Janina Kusielewicz	Week of the Young Child Celebration	Clifton, NJ	4/26/17	No Cost
Gary Frankel	Spring 2017 NJ Regional User Group Workshop	Carlstadt, NJ	4/24/17	No Cost, \$5.96 mileage
Thomas Kuen	Spring 2017 NJ Regional User Group Workshop	Carlstadt, NJ	4/24/17	No Cost, \$6.51 mileage
Janina Kusielewicz	Spring 2017 NJ Regional User Group Workshop	Carlstadt, NJ	4/24/17	No Cost
Valerie Kropinack	Spring 2017 NJ Regional User Group Workshop	Carlstadt, NJ	4/24/17	No Cost
Erin Zmuda	Spring 2017 NJ Regional User Group Workshop	Carlstadt, NJ	4/24/17	No Cost
Donna Wajda	Sensory Processing Disorders	Teaneck, NJ	4/26/17	\$50.00
Marilyn Torley	Traditional Chinese Culture	Newark, NJ	5/4/17	No Cost
Samantha DeRose	Raise Reading and Writing Proficiency and Increase PARCC Scores	Wayne, NJ	3/27/17	No Cost

P-3/22/17-08 -- Substitute Appointment(s)

RESOLVED, that the Clifton Board of Education accepts the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools to approve the following personnel for assignment as per diem substitute for the 2016-2017 school year, as specified:

Shuruq Alfawair – Substitute Teacher
 Madeline Del Rio – Substitute Teacher
 El Houcin Houssam – Substitute Teacher
 Caitlin Pennacchi – Substitute Teacher
 Janyne Rymut – Substitute Teacher
 Debra Gorny – Substitute Secretary

Sharon Baldwin – Substitute Teacher
 Brittany Evering – Substitute Teacher
 David Fox – Substitute Teacher
 Christine Ponella – Substitute Teacher
 Angela Valeri – Substitute Teacher

P-3/22/17-09 -- Personnel Appointments

RESOLVED, that the following individuals are appointed in accordance with the stipulations as set forth in the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools. Employment is provisional, contingent upon a criminal record check in compliance with Title 18A:6-7.1c.

Juana Leon	Lunch Aide, fills a new position	School #15	3/23/17-6/30/17	\$8.44 per hour
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Sharon Baldwin	LTS, Resource Room Teacher, replaces Employee ID #5653 who is on MAT LOA	CCMS	4/24/17-6/23/17	LTS MA Salary Guide \$36,000, pro-rated for lesser service
Diane Callaghan	LTS, Special Education Teacher, replaces Employee ID #2230 who is on MAT LOA	WWMS	4/3/17-6/23/17	LTS MA Salary Guide \$36,000, pro-rated for lesser service
Jazmin Pacheo	p/t Paraprofessional, fills a new position	School #16	3/23/17-6/30/17	Step 1 of the 2016/2017 p/t Paraprofessional Salary Guide \$18,673 plus \$750 (salary differential for 93 credits), pro-rated for lesser service
Wafaa El Habal	p/t Paraprofessional, fills a new position	To be determined	3/23/17-6/30/17	Step 1 of the 2016/2017 p/t Paraprofessional Salary Guide \$18,673 plus \$1,200 (salary differential for BA Degree), pro-rated for lesser service
Diana Butman	LTS, Grade 1 Teacher, replaces Employee ID #2172 who is on MAT LOA	School #11	4/17/17-6/23/17	LTS BA Salary Guide, \$32,000, pro-rated for lesser service

C. FINANCE/FACILITIES:

Items F-3/22/17-01 through F-3/22/17-04 will be voted upon in one motion:

MOTION BY Tafari Anderson SECOND BY Arlene Agresti VOTE 7-0

YES: Abedrabbo, Agresti, Anderson, Bassford, Daley, Grasso, Pasenti

NO: Bassford (check #183340 only)

ABSENT: Danny, Pino

F-3/22/17-01 -- Donation from Organo

RESOLVED, that the Clifton Board of Education accepts the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools to accept, with sincere gratitude, the donation of gourmet coffee and tea to the PTA/PTO/HSA from Organo, representative Sonsiree Martinez and a letter of appreciation be forwarded to Organo, Sonsiree Martinez, Newark, NJ, for this generous donation.

F-3/22/17-02 – Rejection of Bid #167-25 for Walk-In Freezer Replacement - WWMS

RESOLVED, that the Clifton Board of Education authorize the Business Administrator to reject all bids received for Bid #167-25 for Walk-In Freezer Replacement at WWMS due to contract costs exceeding the project budget.

RECORD OF BID	
BIDDERS	BASE BID
1 ST GOAL HEATING AND COOLING	\$ 64,600
GEORGE KOUSTAS PAINTING & CONSTRUCTION LLC	\$ 89,000

Note: Bid rejected due to contract costs exceeding the project budget

F-3/22/17-03 - Use of Facilities

RESOLVED, that the Clifton Board of Education approves the below-listed requests for use of the district’s facilities, in accordance with Policy #7510-Use of School Facilities, at the fees listed:

3858	Power of One Coaching and Outreach Ministries Inc.	Workshops – Stress Coaching – Life Skills	WWMS – Media Center	April 6, 2017 – June 30, 2017 6PM-9:30PM Thursdays	Facilities: Custodian:
3859	School 5 HSA	Fundraiser (LuLaRoe)	School #5 – AP Room & Gymnasium	March 29, 2017 4PM-6:30PM Wednesday	Facilities: Custodian:
3860	Asian Club	Asian Club Show	CHS – Auditorium & Classrooms	April 22, 2017 10AM-11PM Saturday	Facilities: Custodian:
3861	School #15 HSA	Family Math Night Grades 3, 4 & 5	School #15 - Gymnasium	March 14, 21 & 22, 2017 5PM-8PM Tuesday & Wednesday	Facilities: Custodian:

3862	WWMS HSA	Car Wash	WWMS – Parking Lot	May 13, 2017- June 10, 2017 10AM-1PM Saturdays	Facilities: Custodian:
3863	Clifton Centennial	Summer Concert Series	WWMS - Field	July 5, 2017 – August 30, 2017 7PM-10PM Wednesdays	Facilities: Custodian:
3864	Clifton Centennial	Unites States Marine Band	CHS - Auditorium	October 25, 2017 7PM- 10PM Wednesday	Facilities: Custodian:

F-3/22/17-04 - Claims List (see attachment)

RESOLVED, that the claims represented, as appended, having been found in order by the Board Secretary/Business Administrator are hereby ordered to be released for payment when funds are available, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the claims be entered in the Board’s official minutes and be open to further inspection by Board Members and others entitled to inspect same.

List of Bills (Mar. – Pgs. 1-50)	\$ 2,248,594.34
Total	\$ 2,248,594.34

ADDENDUM

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

3/22/17-RESOLVED, that the Minutes of the Board Retreat of February 25, 2017, be and they are hereby adopted.

MOTION BY Arlene Agresti SECOND BY Fahim Abedrabbo VOTE 6-0-1

YES: Abedrabbo, Agresti, Bassford, Daley, Grasso, Passenti

ABSTAIN: Anderson

ABSENT: Danny, Pino

3/22/17-RESOLVED, that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 8, 2017, be and they are hereby adopted.

MOTION BY Arlene Agresti SECOND BY Fahim Abedrabbo VOTE 7-0

YES: Abedrabbo, Agresti, Anderson, Bassford, Daley, Grasso, Passenti

ABSENT: Danny, Pino

3/22/17-RESOLVED, that the Executive Session Minutes of March 8, 2017, be and they are hereby adopted.

MOTION BY Arlene Agresti SECOND BY Tafari Anderson VOTE 7-0

YES: Abedrabbo, Agresti, Anderson, Bassford, Daley, Grasso, Passenti

ABSENT: Danny, Pino

A. EDUCATION/ADMINISTRATION:

Items EA-3/22/17-06 and EA-3/22/17-07 will be voted upon in one motion.

MOTION BY Tafari Anderson SECOND BY Arlene Agresti VOTE 7-0

YES: Abedrabbo, Agresti, Anderson, Bassford, Daley, Grasso, Passenti

ABSENT: Danny, Pino

Prior to action on this motion, Administration answered questions regarding the Perkins grant.

EA-3/22/17-06 – Amendment to the Carl D. Perkins Grant Application

RESOLVED, that the Clifton Board of Education accepts the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools to approve submission of an amendment of the Carl D. Perkins Grant for the fiscal year 2017 approved at the meeting of June 22, 2016 under Resolution EA-6/22/16-10.

EA-3/22/17-07 -- Approval of Field Trip(s)

RESOLVED, that the Clifton Board of Education accepts the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools to approve the following list of field trip destinations for the 2016-2017 school year.

CHS, Conservation Club	Dundee Island Preserve, Clifton, NJ, Bonsal Preserve, Montclair, NJ and Weasel Brook Park, Clifton, NJ
School #4, Kindergarten, Grade 1 and Grade 2 students	Field Station Dinosaurs Overpeck County Park, Leonia, NJ

B. PERSONNEL:

Items P-3/22/17-10 through P-3/22/17-12 will be voted upon in one motion.

MOTION BY Tafari Anderson SECOND BY Arlene Agresti VOTE 7-0

YES: Abedrabbo, Agresti, Anderson, Bassford, Daley, Grasso, Passenti

ABSTAIN: Bassford (P-11 only)

ABSENT: Danny, Pino

P-3/22/17-10 -- Resignations

RESOLVED, that the following resignations, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, are hereby approved by the Clifton Board of Education.

Meghan Lane	p/t Paraprofessional	School #9	Effective 1/15/17
Linda Centinaro	Grade 1 Teacher	School #1	Effective 6/30/17, due to retirement
Aduni Ford	Substitute Paraprofessional	District	Effective 5/15/17

P-3/22/17-11 -- Board Member Conference

RESOLVED, that the Clifton Board of Education approves the following board member for attendance/fees at the listed conference.

Judith Bassford	PCSBA Meeting	Hackensack, NJ	3/30/17	No Cost, \$8.75 mileage
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P-3/22/17-12 -- Personnel Appointments

RESOLVED, that the following individuals are appointed in accordance with the stipulations as set forth in the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools. Employment is provisional, contingent upon a criminal record check in compliance with Title 18A:6-7.1c.

Helen Silberman	p/t Paraprofessional, fills a new position	School #11	3/23/17-6/30/17	Step 1 of the 2016/2017 p/t Paraprofessional Salary Guide, \$18,673, pro-rated for lesser service
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C. FINANCE/FACILITIES:

Items F-3/22/17-05 through F-3/22/17-09 will be voted upon in one motion:

MOTION BY Arlene Agresti SECOND BY Tafari Anderson VOTE 7-0

YES: Abedrabbo, Agresti, Anderson, Bassford, Daley, Grasso, Passenti

ABSENT: Danny, Pino

Prior to action on this motion, Administration answered questions regarding the transfer resolution.

There was a motion to amend F-3/22/17-08 to exclude the words Federal/State Programs.

MOTION BY Tafari Anderson SECOND BY Fahim Abedrabbo VOTE 7-0

YES: Abedrabbo, Agresti, Anderson, Bassford, Daley, Grasso, Passenti

ABSENT: Danny, Pino

Prior to action on this motion, Administration answered further questions regarding budget modifications and questions regarding the application to the state relative to the School #8 door replacement project.

F-3/22/17-05 - Approval for Transportation Services Agreement – 2016-2017 School Year

RESOLVED, that the Clifton Board of Education approves the Transportation Services Agreement with the Northern Region Educational Services Commission to transport our eligible students on the following routes, at the rates indicated:

Route #	School	Contractor	# of Students	Est. Cost Per Route	Surcharge
DLCCL1	DCL Warren	Jersey Kids Trans	1	\$9,600.00	\$288.00
PWPP	Windsor Prep. HS	Joshua Tours	2	753.00	22.60
CLSC5P	School #5	Joshua Tours	5	12,716.00	381.48
			Total	\$23,069.00	\$692.08

F-3/22/17-06 - Certification of Budget Line Item Accounts – January, 2017 (see attachment)

RESOLVED, that in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.12(c)4, the Clifton Board of Education certifies that no major account or fund has been over-expended, as per the attached reports, for the month ending January 31, 2017 and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

F-3/22/17-07 - Financial Reports – January, 2017 (see attachment)

RESOLVED, that the Clifton Board of Education acknowledges receipt of the Report of the Treasurer and Report of the Secretary, as appended, for the month ending January 31, 2017.

F-3/22/17-08 - Modifications to 2016-2017 Budget - January, 2017 (see attachment)

RESOLVED, that approval is granted for transfers between budget account lines, based on school related changes.

F-3/22/17-09 – Approval to Contract DiCara Rubino Architects to Apply for State Application for Door Replacements at School #8 under State Project No. 0900-140-17-1000

WHEREAS, the Clifton Board of Education authorize the Business Administrator to contract DiCara Rubino Architects to proceed with a school facilities project consisting generally of:

DOOR REPLACEMENTS AT SCHOOL #8

WHEREAS, the Board now seeks to take the initial steps in order to proceed with the Project:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CLIFTON IN THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, as follows:

Section 1. In accordance with the requirements of Section 6A:26-3 of the New Jersey Administrative Code, the Board hereby approves the Schematic Plans prepared in connection with the Project and the Board further authorizes the submission of same to the Passaic County Superintendent of Schools and the New Jersey Department of Education for approval.

Section 2. The Board hereby authorizes the amendment to its Long-Range Facilities Plan in order to reflect the proposed Project.

Section 3. The School Administration and such other officers and agents of the Board as are necessary, including the Board attorney, bond counsel and architect, are hereby authorized to perform such other acts, to execute such other documents and to do such other things as are necessary to implement the determinations of the Board set forth in this resolution. The District is not seeking a Grant.

Sections 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

ADDENDUM #2

Item EA-3/22/17-08 and P-3/22/17-13 through P-3/22/17-15 will be voted upon in one motion.

MOTION BY Arlene Agresti SECOND BY Tafari Anderson VOTE 7-0

YES: Abedrabbo, Agresti, Anderson, Bassford, Daley, Grasso, Passenti

ABSTAIN: Grasso (P-14 only)

ABSENT: Danny, Pino

A. EDUCATION/ADMINISTRATION:

EA-3/22/17-08 -- Approval of Field Trip(s)

RESOLVED, that the Clifton Board of Education accepts the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools to approve the following list of field trip destinations for the 2016-2017 school year.

School #4, Grade 5 students	Atlantic Health Jets Training Center, Florham Park, NJ
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B. PERSONNEL:

P-3/22/17-13 -- Resignations

RESOLVED, that the following resignations, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, are hereby approved by the Clifton Board of Education.

Carla Urbanowycz	Kindergarten Teacher	School #1	Effective 6/30/17, due to retirement
Kathleen Grannis	Grade 1 Teacher	School #13	Effective 3/13/17

P-3/22/17-14 -- Board Member Conference

RESOLVED, that the Clifton Board of Education approves the following board member for attendance/fees at the listed conference.

Lawrence Grasso	PCSBA Meeting	Hackensack, NJ	3/30/17	No Cost, \$8.75
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P-3/22/17-15-- Substitute Appointment(s)

RESOLVED, that the Clifton Board of Education accepts the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools to approve the following personnel for assignment as per diem substitute for the 2016-2017 school year, as specified:

Allison Choi – Substitute Teacher

PUBLIC RECOGNITION: Any Items

Carlos Polanco commented that it was a violation of Board policy for the Student Union representative to address the Board at this point of the meeting. He also spoke about sports teams and the impact of the snowy weather and commented that students are hearing back from colleges and about the “college wall” at CHS. He also commented about the Student Union’s involvement with the PARCC exams; students will not be encouraged to take the test. Keith Bassford spoke about the cost for the CHS wall adjacent to the soccer field. The Board is over-paying. He also commented about special education costs, PCTI and programs offered there, Board member conduct during meetings and texting. Robert Mauriello spoke about the Bambino Buddy Ball League baseball program for special needs children which is now available. Participation is necessary and he asked for support from the Administration.

Administration commented that the baseball league brochure will be sent to the schools.

Joe Canova spoke about the approval relative to the flyer being sent to the HSAs regarding state funding. He commented about the inequities and compensation for special needs students.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Mr. Tardalo spoke about the plaque for Mr. Grecco
2. Jr. Police Academy July 18-21, 2017 - requested busing.
3. Committee meetings – it was requested that committee chairs set the dates.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

Mr. Grasso – thanked the speakers and hopes Mr. Tietjen is improving. He congratulated the Pino family on the birth of their baby girl. He commented about potential facility projects for next year, federal programs which may be cancelled due to federal budget cuts. Pre-school and Minds in Motion programs could be in jeopardy.

Mr. Abedrabbo – congratulated the retirees and spoke about the upcoming tricky trays. He commented that committee meetings were cancelled due to the snow and commended the All City Band performances. Foundation grants need to be looked into.

Mr. Anderson – congratulated Ms. Pino on the birth of her baby and spoke about the PARCC test. He supports the opt out option but there are consequences to it. Corrective action plans are needed. He commented regarding the CHS wall; there is a lot of time put in by committee members discussing projects. He spoke in support of the special needs baseball program and about funding of state aid and county involvement in PCTI.

Ms. Bassford – commented that she will be scheduling a policy committee meeting. She would like to discuss in private a disturbing email she received. She commented about asking questions and the whole Board should be involved in the legislative meeting. Students wanted to be involved and it compromises the transparency of the Board. She spoke about the Royal Prom Project and the

Clifton Praise program at the library on March 27th. She commented that she attended a Wayne Board of Education meeting and spoke about the involvement of students at that meeting.

Mr. Daley – congratulated Ms. Pino on her new addition, wished the best to Mr. Tietjen and sent condolences to the Rivera family. He commented about the federal component of the education budget, state aid shortfall and tuition for regular out-of-district students.

Ms. Agresti – wished a speedy recovery to Mr. Tietjen and congratulated Ms. Pino on the birth of her new baby.

Mr. Tardalo - congratulated the Pino family and sent condolences to the Rivera family. He spoke about PARCC implications and the impact of them. Students should take the PARCC exam, there is nothing to lose.

Mr. Passenti – congratulated Ms. Pino, wished the best to Mr. Tietjen and sent condolences to the Rivera family. He commented about security and the need for an extended executive session meeting to discuss security with the county. He thanked the Board for all their hard work and for moving forward in a positive direction.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: 8:20 PM

MOTION FOR RESOLUTION to convene in Executive Session to discuss the Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying Report and a Personnel matter. IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the 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 Arlene Agresti SECOND BY Fahim Abedrabbo VOTE 7-0

YES: Abedrabbo, Agresti, Anderson, Bassford, Daley, Grasso, Passenti

ABSENT: Danny, Pino

Action will not be taken.

ADJOURNED: 8:26 PM

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Respectfully submitted,

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