

**CLIFTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
EDUCATION COMMITTEE
Minutes of the October 10,2018 meeting**

The Education Committee meeting began at 6:13 PM. Attendees: Chairwoman Rosemary Pino and Board Members Frank Kasper and Larry Grasso. Administrators: Mark Tietjen, Renee Blackowski , Janina Kusielewicz and Richard Tardalo.

1. Boys and Girls Club Before/After Care Coordination- This update by Robert Foster was postponed to the next Education Committee meeting.

ACTION: Informational

2. Special Education Topics - Renee Blackowski, Coordinating Supervisor of Special Education gave an update of Special Education programs highlighting summer work, the use of paraprofessionals, preschool handicapped programs and autism programs pre-K-12. The school year was reported to be off to a good start. The rolling start for preschool handicapped 3 year old programs was explained. The roles and responsibilities of paraprofessional's in various programs were clarified.

ACTION: Informational

3. PCCC STEM / NASA Programs –Janina Kusielewicz provided an overview of the Passaic County Community College STEM/NASA program run by Dr.Carlomagno Ontaneda. Further collaborations with these programs and an expansion of dual enrollment classes were discussed.

ACTION: Informational

4. High School STEM Overview - Janina Kusielwicz reviewed the Existing Stem Academies and discussed the exploration currently under way to add new Academies for 2019-2020. A STEM Computer Science Academy, including 2 AP course was proposed. The inclusion of STEM units in Math and Science classes was reviewed and the roll out of a new Defined Stem resource for teachers was described.

ACTION: Informational

5. NJDOE Computer Science Grant Application -Janina Kusielewicz described the application for a competitive grant to provide supplies and training to enhance the Clifton High School Computer Science program and proposed STEM Computer Science Academy mentioned above.

ACTION: A resolution to apply for this grant in included in the 10-17-2018 Board of Education meeting agenda

6. Curriculum Guide Revisions – Janina Kusielwicz reviewed changes to the curriculum guides for Math Skills 10, Geometry 10, Algebra 2-11 and Precalculus 12.

ACTION: Resolution to adopt these revised curriculum guides is included in the 10-17-2018 Board of Education meeting agenda

The meeting adjourned at 7:12 PM.
Respectfully submitted,

Mark C. Tietjen