

**CLIFTON BOARD OF EDUCATION  
EDUCATION COMMITTEE  
Minutes of the November 19, 2018 meeting**

The Education Committee meeting began at 5:06 PM. Attendees: Chairwoman Rosemary Pino and Board Members Frank Kasper and Administrators: Mark Tietjen and Janina Kusielewicz.

1. **Boys and Girls Club Before/After Care Coordination**- Robert Foster gave the committee an in-depth overview of the before and after care school programs provided by the club for the students in Clifton. Mr. Foster requested that the district look into sharing robo-calls for inclement weather.  
**ACTION: Informational**
  
2. **Student Rating Teaching Staff**- Darwin Diaz President of the Student Union Coalition gave a presentation about students rating their teachers. The group requested that consideration be given to allow students surveys to provide feedback to their teachers regarding teacher performance. The group will no use that website “rate-my-teacher”. The group will develop a proposal for future consideration.  
**ACTION: Informational**
  
3. **Reading List** – Ms. Kusielewicz provided an update on the Clifton High School English Reading List. She described that teachers select books from grade specific lists which are comprised of a combination of classic literature and high interest contemporary novels. A committee of high school English teachers will be reviewing all current reading lists to update and diversify selections in alignment with the New Jersey Student Learning Standards.  
**ACTION: Informational**
  
4. **Summer Reading** – Ms. Kusielewicz shared the changes to summer reading requirements. Summer reading lists are developed by the Clifton Public Library. Selections are available at both library branches. Students may substitute for other books by the same author or make “off-list” selections. Assignments are developed based on “choice boards” or a writing experience. Time is given in September for new students to complete these extra credit assignments. Online and e-book options are being explored. Accelerated Reader will no longer be used as an assessment of summer reading. High school summer assignments are being revised.  
**ACTION: Informational**

5. **Assessment Overview** --Ms. Kusielewicz shared that a presentation will be made at November 28, 2018 Board of Education Meeting to complete the presentation of state assessment data and to provide a summary of local assessments.

**ACTION:** Informational

The meeting adjourned at 6:0412 PM.  
Respectfully submitted,

*Mark C. Tietjen*