

**CLEMENTON BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Clementon, New Jersey**

Special Meeting Public Hearing of the Clementon Board of Education  
March 29, 2010  
7:00 p.m.

The Meeting of the Clementon Board of Education was called to order at 7:00 PM on the above date by President Irene Buchalter.

“Public notice of this meeting pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act has been given by the Board Secretary in the following manner:

- a. Posting written notice at the Board of Education Office.
- b. Sending written notice to the *Courier-Post* and *Record Breeze* newspapers.
- c. Filing written notice with the Clerk of Clementon.”

Mrs. Buchalter led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following members answered roll call:

	<u>Arrival</u>	<u>Departure</u>
Virginia de Haan	7:00 PM	7:36 PM
Randall Freiling	7:00 PM	7:36 PM
Harry Gahm	Absent	- - -
Sara Paranzino	7:00 PM	7:36 PM
Kathleen Rappold	7:00 PM	7:36 PM
John Romer	7:00 PM	7:36 PM
Ellen Suckle	7:00 PM	7:36 PM
William Weyland	7:05 PM	7:36 PM
Irene Buchalter	7:00 PM	7:36 PM

Also present were:

- Michael Adams, Superintendent
- Joanne E. Clement, SBA/Board Secretary
- Shannon Klecko, Solicitor

**PRESENTATION:** 2010- 2011 Educational Spending Plan

**PUBLIC:**

**MOTION:** To open the public portion of the meeting.

**MOVED BY:**                   Mrs. Suckle                    
**ON ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**SECONDED BY:**           Mrs. deHaan            
**MOTION CARRIED:** 8-0-0

Mrs. Baker, 217 E. Atlantic Avenue inquired as to why field trips and extra curricular activities are being cut from the budget. Mrs. Baker believes those programs are educational and important for all students. Mr. Adams reviewed the PowerPoint slide that showed due to the loss of \$926,469 in state aid, cuts unfortunately had to be made to all areas in the district.

Ms. Sara Babli, 161 Ohio Avenue, inquired as to which class would increase in size with the cut in teaching staff. Mr. Adams explained that with the proposed 2010- 2011 school budget, one grade level would be affected from the standpoint that there would be two classes instead of three. It was further explained that we are waiting to make the determination as to what grade level that will be until it is closer to the 2010- 2011 school year so we have more accurate information regarding each grade level’s enrollment.

Mrs. Yost, 39 Cherry Lane, asked what would be the outcome if the budget was defeated. Mr. Adams reviewed the PowerPoint slide that showed should the proposed budget be defeated, what some of the major at-risk items include.

Mayor Armbruster, 137 Garfield Avenue, thanked the Board and the administration for working so hard on the budget. He knows how difficult it is to do more with less. The borough was also cut more than \$500,000 in State Aid.

**MOTION:** To close the public portion of the meeting.

**MOVED BY:** Mr. Romer  
**ON ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**SECONDED BY:** Mrs. Paranzino  
**MOTION CARRIED:** 8-0-0

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:**

Items for Action – The Superintendent recommends for approval of the following items:

1. **APPROVAL – 2010-2011 SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education is responsible for the approval of a budget that will provide a thorough and efficient education plan, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7F- 5 and 6, N.J.S.A. 18A:7- 8 and N.J.A.C. 6A:23A- 8I1 and 9.1 et seq, and,

**WHEREAS**, Governor Christie has proposed the following reductions in state aid without any reduction of rule, regulation or law:

<b>State Aid</b>	<b>2010-2011</b>	<b>SFRA Formula</b>	<b>Difference</b>
Equalization Aid	5,707,282	5,726,697	19,415
Special Education Aid	355,241	253,148	(102,057)
Security Aid	179,282	0	(179,282)
Transportation Aid	278,963	0	(278,963)
Preschool Aid	93,045	125,000	31,955
<b>Sub Total C/E</b>	<b>6,616,813</b>	<b>6,104,845</b>	<b>(511,968)</b>
Debt Svc Aid	135,013	114,761	(20,252)
SDA Assessment	26,607		26,607

and,

**WHEREAS**, Governor Christie previously withheld state aid for the 2009-2010 school year in February 2010 in the amount of \$338,000, equivalent to \$0.0199 on the tax rate, and,

**WHEREAS**, the School Funding Reform Act (SFRA) of 2008 provides for the following tax levy calculation:

Prebudget year adjusted tax levy, including weighted increases	
For enrollment, inflated by 4%	3,767,070
Adjustment for reduction in total state formula aid from the prebudget	
Year, issued with state notices	508,553
<b>Current Expense Tax Levy Cap</b>	<b>4,275,623</b>

and,

**WHEREAS**, programs and staff have been cut and/or reduced due to Governor Christie's proposed state aid reductions, now, therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED** to approve a school district budget for the 2010- 2011 School Year for submission to the voters as follows:

	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Local Tax Levy</b>
Total General Fund	10,717,422	3,767,070
Total Special Revenue Fund	675,446	- 0-
Total Debt Service Fund	449,275	330,079
<b>Totals</b>	<b>11,842,143</b>	<b>4,097,149</b>

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the Clementon Board of Education adopt 2010- 2011 school district Budget for advertising for voter approval as follows:

	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>LOCAL TAX LEVY</u>
General Fund	\$ 10,717,422.00	3,767,070.00
Special Revenue Fund	\$ 675,446.00	
Debt Service Fund	\$ 449,275.00	330,079.00
<b>Total Base Budget</b>	<b>\$ 11,842,143.00</b>	<b>4,097,149.00</b>

- The amount budgeted for travel expenses in the 2010- 2011 budget will not exceed: \$8,205. Total spent to date is: \$10,134.

**MOVED BY:** Mr. Freiling  
**ON ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**SECONDED BY:** Mrs. Suckle  
**MOTION CARRIED:** 8-0-0

**PUBLIC:**

No comments from the public.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION:** To adjourn the meeting at 7:36 pm.

**MOVED BY:** Mrs. Suckle  
**ON ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**SECONDED BY:** Mr. Freiling  
**MOTION CARRIED:** 8-0-0

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne E. Clement  
 Board Secretary  
 April 26, 2010