

## TOWN OF CLINTON BOARD OF EDUCATION

## JOINT MEETING WITH GLEN GARDNER BOE

March 18, 2009

Amanda DiRienz called the meeting together at 7:30 p.m. by announcing this meeting is held in compliance with the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law. The Town of Clinton Board of Education has given the public adequate notice by having the date, time, and place of the meeting published in the Hunterdon County Democrat and Hunterdon Review, and by having duly posted the same information in the Board Office, the school bulletin board, the faculty room, and the Town Hall.

ROLL CALL: Present: Amanda DiRienz, Cara Morris, John Romagna, and Deborah Broslawski, Robert Pyle, Marie Kisch

Also Present: John Alfieri, Superintendent;  
Lisa Craft, Business Administrator/Board Secretary;  
Richard Katz, Principal  
Chrys Hartfft, Interim County Superintendent  
Glen Gardner BOE: Patricia Cooper, Ed Hannon,  
Bruce Michelsen, and David Pellicane.

DISCUSSION WITH THE HUNTERDON COUNTY INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS TO DISCUSS ELIMINATION OF THE NON-OPERATING DISTRICT OF GLEN GARDNER

David Pellicane - Inquired as to how the data that was submitted to the County was being used and commented that no savings exists.

John Romagna - Inquired about the status of the Glen Gardner \$1.1 million in State Aid and concern about losing aid if the districts DFG's (District Factor Group) are combined to an "I".

David Pellicane – Administrative costs for Glen Gardner are only \$25,000

Steffi Decasas - If merged, CPS will pay a portion of Glen Gardner busing

Deb Broslawski – Inquired about the representation of Glen Gardner of the Board of Education

Marie Kisch - Inquired about the timeline for the final decision from the State and whether the decision will be made on a case by case basis or one standard plan for the State.

Bruce Michelsen – Commented that elimination has been proposed in the past and was

voted down on both occasions. Asked why it is no longer subject to a vote and may be forced by the State.

Steffi Decasas – Commented declining enrollment and the Budget CAP already  
Lisa Craft hardship.

Bruce Michelsen – Inquired whether the elimination’s possible savings was to the State  
or the citizens

Amanda DiRienz – Inquired about the status of the K-12 district rollout by the State.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Glen Gardner Mayor –Not interested in acquiring a portion of the school building

Karen Ensel - Inquired as to where the State believes the savings would be since our cost per pupil in not extravagant.

Dan Shea - Commented that this is a shared services situation that actually works to save money.

Maria Valenta – Commented that if the elimination occurs and the taxes increase the citizens, especially senior citizens, would be forced out.

Chrys Hartfft – Commented that she had expected more than a \$25,000 savings  
Stated that she would bring the information and resistance from meeting back to the County  
Suggested that Legislators be contacted and voice concerns

**NEW BUSINESS**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**RESOLUTION 2008-2009: 193**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Amanda DiRienz moved, seconded by Marie Kisch, to adjourn the Board Meeting at 9:01 p.m.  
Motion carried unanimously with all “ayes”.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa J.Craft  
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

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Amanda DiRienz, President