

Clinton Public School News



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The mission of Clinton Public School is to inspire our students to become contributing members of society who are independent, innovative, life-time learners equipped with the necessary skills to meet the demands of our ever-changing world.

Clinton-Glen Gardner Board of Education

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Welcome to our new Superintendent / Principal

We are pleased to announce that Dr. Seth Cohen will be our new leader starting July 1. Dr. Cohen lives in Somerset, NJ and has been in a combined Superintendent-Principal role at Allamuchy Township for the last 2 years. While at Allamuchy, his accomplishments included rolling out a Chromebook initiative for 7th and 8th grade students, working with staff to update their curriculum to Common Core standards, training on the Danielson teacher evaluation model, and bringing environmental initiatives to the school. As we welcome Dr. Cohen, we would also like to thank Mrs. Judy Burd for her excellent work as our Interim leader for this past school year. We wish Judy continued success in the future.

Facility and budget update

On March 11, Clinton and Glen Gardner voters strongly supported issuing bonds to replace the school's 20 year old roof and HVAC units, and to replace the fire alarm. In Clinton, these bonds have no tax impact, since they will replace 1996 bonds which will soon be rolling off. In Glen Gardner, these bonds will have a new tax impact starting next year. We will be replacing the school's fire alarm system this summer, and plan to do the roof and HVAC work in summer 2015. Thank you for support in maintaining our facility.

The Board has also passed a budget for next school year, complete details are available on the school's website.

Board of Education Election Information

The Clinton-Glen Gardner Board member election will be November 4, 2014, the same date as the general election. There are 2 seats open in 2014, with 3 year terms that begin in January 2015. Below are some commonly asked questions about being on the Board, please check the CPS website for more details. You can also feel free to contact any current CPS Board member if you'd like to talk more.

What do Board members do?

Board members establish the school's goals annually, typically these include academic, budget, and communication goals. Board members also establish school policies and determine final budget priorities. Board members do not run the school; rather, the Board's goals and policies are the basis for how the school leaders and staff operate.

What are the qualifications to be a Board member?

You must be a US citizen, have lived in the district at least one year, be registered to vote before filing to be on the ballot, not hold any other elective office, and submit to a criminal background check if elected.

How do you get on the ballot?

Interested candidates need to file a petition with the Hunterdon County Clerk's office by July 28, 2014 at 4 pm. Forms and more details are on the BOE website.