



Board of Education Regular Meeting

May 16, 2016 7:30 PM
Board Meeting Room
Administrative Offices
137-B Glenwood Road
Clinton, CT 06413

Attendance Taken at 7:30 PM:

Present Board Members:

Kim Buckley
Peter Giannotti
Sandra Luke
Mr. Todd Pozefsky
Lois Ruggiero
Annaliese Spaziano
Doug Traynor

1. Opening Exercises

1.A. Roll call

Discussion:

Also in attendance were Superintendent Jack Cross, Asst. Superintendent Maryann O'Donnell, Business Manager Carolyn Dickey, and student representatives Mike Van Ness and Andrew Tessman.

1.B. Pledge of Allegiance

Discussion:

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Public participation/recognition

3. Minutes - Approval - Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 2, 2016.

Motion Passed: To approve the minutes of the regular meeting of May 2, 2016, passed with a motion by Kim Buckley and a second by Lois Ruggiero.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays - 2 Abstained.

Kim Buckley	Yes
Peter Giannotti	Yes
Sandra Luke	Yes
Mr. Todd Pozefsky	Abstain
Lois Ruggiero	Yes
Annaliese Spaziano	Yes
Doug Traynor	Abstain

4. Communications

5. Possible action on appointment of Superintendent of Schools

Discussion:

K. Buckley noted that former Board member Mike Giordano fully supports M. O'Donnell's appointment. A. Spaziano noted that four different subcommittees came together and through every one of Mrs. O'Donnell's answers what clearly came through is her dedication for doing what's best for the children of Clinton. L. Ruggiero said she was honored to make the motion.

Mrs. O'Donnell said she was pleased and honored to accept the appointment and was blessed to work with such a dedicated community. She thanked Mr. Cross for being an outstanding leader and partner, and she thanked her husband and son for their tremendous support.

Motion Passed: To appoint Maryann O'Donnell as Superintendent of the Clinton Public School System, effective July 1, 2016, per the terms of the Clinton Board of Education Employment Agreement for Superintendent of Schools, as agreed upon at the Special Meeting held on May 16, 2016, passed with a motion by Lois Ruggiero and a second by Doug Traynor.

7 Yeas - 0 Nays.

Kim Buckley	Yes
Peter Giannotti	Yes
Sandra Luke	Yes
Mr. Todd Pozefsky	Yes
Lois Ruggiero	Yes
Annaliese Spaziano	Yes
Doug Traynor	Yes

6. Report of Student Representatives

Discussion:

Husky Leadership training will take place on May 17th. Husky Helper Day is scheduled for May 20th. The participating seniors will be stationed around town at various places helping out the community.

The Advanced Placement Physics classes went to Lake Compounce and were given tasks and questions based on the physics of the rides on which they went.

On May 12th, class and school officer elections were held.

When asked about next year's plans, A. Tessman and M. Van Ness replied that they will be attending Sienna College and Lafayette College respectively.

7. Administrative Reports

7.A. Administrators, Program Directors and Teachers

7.A.1. Pierson: Pierson PM/Invention Convention - Angela Guarascio, Dana Skidmore, Kate Martorelli, and Invention Convention winners

Discussion:

Pierson Principal Angela Guarascio congratulated M. O'Donnell on her appointment, and M. Ness and A. Tessman on their upcoming graduation from Morgan and for representing the district so well. She then introduced Pierson Library/Media Specialist Emily Kelsey who coordinates the Pierson PM program. E. Kelsey provided an overview of the program including goals, the percentage of students who attend, diversity of offerings, and efforts to include students who have never participated.

One of the Pierson programs, the Community Garden, has harvested 6,000 pounds of fresh fruits and vegetables for the town.

Another popular program has been Invention Convention. One of this year's winners, Jacob Jones, was given the opportunity to present at UConn earlier this year along with 1,000 other students statewide. Jacob showed his presentation to the Board and audience.

Mrs. Kelsey thanked several teachers for their willingness to participate in making the clubs successful: Mrs. Skidmore, Mrs. Martorelli, Mrs. Nedderman, Mrs. Recine, Mrs. Duphily and Mr. Smith.

She also thanked the Board, families and students for their support and for creating happier, brighter, and grateful children.

Four of the student leads from this year's musical at Pierson performed songs from Aladdin Jr.

The Board presented certificates of recognition to Jacob Jones, Faith Harden and Cooper Galdenzi for going to UConn as part of the Invention Convention.

- 7.A.2. General Update**
- 7.B. Assistant Superintendent's Report**
- 7.B.1. General Update**
- 7.C. Business Manager's Report**
- 7.C.1. General Update**

- 8. Superintendent's Report**
- 8.A. Business Person of the Year 2016**

Discussion:

The winner will be acknowledged in October at the annual Chamber of Commerce dinner.

- 8.B. General Update**
- 8.C. Upcoming Events**

- 9. Reports**
- 9.A. Board of Education Subcommittees and Special Committees**
- 9.A.1. Budget & Finance/Negotiations Subcommittee**
- 9.A.2. Buildings & Grounds Subcommittee**

Discussion:

The State has finally approved the FFE (Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment) package. The items have gone out to bid and the building committee will be reviewing the bids as they are returned. The delay at the state level will have some impact on lead times for delivery, but the committee is confident that the vast majority of items will be in on time.

- 9.A.3. Instruction Subcommittee**
- 9.A.4. LEARN**
- 9.A.5. Policy Subcommittee**
- 9.A.6. Public Relations Subcommittee**
- 9.A.7. School Nutrition Subcommittee**
- 9.A.8. Technology Subcommittee**
- 9.B. Town of Clinton Committees**
- 9.B.1. Capital Expenditure Committee**
- 9.B.2. Morgan Building Committee**
- 9.B.3. OPEB - Other Post-Employment Benefits Board of Trustees**
- 9.B.4. Audit Selection Committee**

Discussion:

This item can be removed from future agendas.

10. Personnel Items

10.A. Resignations/Retirement/Termination

10.A.1. Certified Resignation - Morgan teacher Monica Mikulski

Motion Passed: To accept the resignation of Monica Mikulski effective June 30, 2016, passed with a motion by Doug Traynor and a second by Sandra Luke.

7 Yeas - 0 Nays.

Kim Buckley	Yes
Peter Giannotti	Yes
Sandra Luke	Yes
Mr. Todd Pozefsky	Yes
Lois Ruggiero	Yes
Annaliese Spaziano	Yes
Doug Traynor	Yes

10.B. Appointments (Certificated, Classified, Extra Duty) - including recall of non-tenured certified staff

10.B.1. Recall of non-tenured certified staff

Discussion:

There was a question regarding recalling teachers going on leave. McDermott will replace Peterson for the 2016-17 year. Fairbanks will be returning as a .8 FTE, not a 1.0 FTE.

Motion Passed: To approve the recall of the following non-tenured certified teachers: Bethany Jacobs, Cathy Baldwin, Terese McDermott, Laura Peterson, Amanda Fairbanks and Ashley Mirabile, passed with a motion by Doug Traynor and a second by Peter Giannotti.

7 Yeas - 0 Nays.

Kim Buckley	Yes
Peter Giannotti	Yes
Sandra Luke	Yes
Mr. Todd Pozefsky	Yes
Lois Ruggiero	Yes
Annaliese Spaziano	Yes
Doug Traynor	Yes

10.B.2. Summer School Appointments - STEP - Summer Transition Education Program 2016

Discussion:

Morgan Principal Keri Hagness discussed the transition program for 8th graders. 129 Morgan students have signed up to support the incoming 8th graders and, for the first time, students are designing the program with guidance from K. Hagness and motivational speaker A'ric Jackson.

Motion Passed: To approve the appointment of Paul Beckett, Lynn Butkus, Jim Messina, Beth Nadeau, Heather O'Brien, Diana Rizzo, Colleen Whittel and Corey Zdunczyk as teachers in Morgan's STEP 2016, passed with a motion by Doug Traynor and a second by Lois Ruggiero.

6 Yeas - 0 Nays - 1 Abstained.

Kim Buckley	Abstain
Peter Giannotti	Yes
Sandra Luke	Yes
Mr. Todd Pozefsky	Yes
Lois Ruggiero	Yes
Annaliese Spaziano	Yes
Doug Traynor	Yes

10.C. Transfers

10.D. Information

11. Possible action on paraprofessional successor collective bargaining agreement

Discussion:

At a meeting held earlier in the evening, the subcommittee reviewed the proposed paraeducator contract. Discussion followed regarding the retroactive aspect of the agreement.

The money will come out of the fund for unsettled contracts. J. Cross explained how the percentage increase was determined. D. Traynor expressed his concern that the town cannot sustain this kind of revenue increase.

Motion Passed: To approve the successor agreement reached through negotiations conducted between the SEIU and the Clinton Board of Education retroactive to July 1, 2015, passed with a motion by Kim Buckley and a second by Lois Ruggiero.

5 Yeas - 1 Nays - 1 Abstained.

Kim Buckley	Yes
Peter Giannotti	Yes
Sandra Luke	Yes
Mr. Todd Pozefsky	Abstain
Lois Ruggiero	Yes
Annaliese Spaziano	Yes
Doug Traynor	No

12. Policy Review and Revision - First reading

Discussion:

J. Cross Board members to pass concerns, questions, or edits along to him or A. Spaziano before the next meeting.

13. Financial Items

13.A. Bills Payable

Discussion:

C. Dickey anticipates the residual funds will be approximately \$300K, although several line items are still in flux (retirements, utility bills, etc.)

More precise information will be available at the next meeting.

14. Adjournment

Motion Passed: To adjourn at 8:39 p.m. passed with a motion by Kim Buckley and a second by Lois Ruggiero.

7 Yeas - 0 Nays.

Kim Buckley	Yes
Peter Giannotti	Yes
Sandra Luke	Yes
Mr. Todd Pozefsky	Yes
Lois Ruggiero	Yes
Annaliese Spaziano	Yes
Doug Traynor	Yes

Kimberly Buckley, Board Secretary

Allison Friday, Board Recorder