

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting
September 19, 2016

PRESENT: Chairman Annaliese Spaziano, Members: Peter Giannotti, Todd Pozefsky, Erica Gelven, Lois Ruggiero, Sandy Luke, Doug Traynor (arrived 8:23 p.m. and left 9:33 p.m.)

Also present: Superintendent Maryann O'Donnell, Assistant Superintendent Marco Famiglietti, Student Representative Lindsey Harden and Business Manager Carolyn Dickey

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was taken.

Public Participation

- C. Scanlon stated that the communication between administration and teachers/parents has improved under the new superintendent.

Minutes

A **MOTION** was made by L. Ruggiero, seconded by S. Luke to approve the minutes of September 6, 2016 regular meeting as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

Communications

None

Report of Student Representative - Reported by L. Harden (Class of 2017):

- Student Council hosted a back to school dance; at a cost of \$5 per ticket they raised \$850
- Had a bake sale at Stop and Shop – all donations for the Auger family
- Open House was well attended
- Club Fair to be held during Advisory period and will be opened to all grades

Administrative Reports

Maintenance Summer Projects Report: Mike Koziy reporting

Joel:

- Modified the Pre-K playground with a grant
- Replaced gang sinks which will conserve on water usage
 - Board questioned if anyone did a cost analysis between paper and air dryers. Building Committee had discussed this issue and decided on paper
- Carpeting was removed and vinyl tile installed
- Have a three year plan for electrical upgrades installing quad outlets near the data areas and removing electrical cord tripping hazards
- Rebuild fans for the gym
- Installed guard rails and chain link fencing on both ends of the annex field
- Old Morgan café tables were repurposed to be used in the Joel School café (a savings of \$24,000)

Pierson:

- Replaced a boiler
- Electrical upgrades for the Math Lab

Eliot:

- Replaced fire alarm panel (last school to be upgraded)
- Replacement of sink/faucet (installed touchless faucet)
- The electrical upgrade will be ongoing for 1 ½ more years
- Student Support Center needed modifications and some repurposed Morgan furniture was installed
- Gutters were repaired
- As this is an emergency evacuation center, the showers' temperature regulator was corrected

Old Morgan:

- Phase 1: moved classrooms
- Phase 2: moved offices
- Phase 3: Maintenance department will be moved to the DPW facility on Nod Road next week
- Furniture was repurposed and moved to each of the schools
- Only one person expressed interest in the auditorium seats, however they did not want them

New Morgan:

- Maintenance and custodial staff getting trained on new equipment and systems
- Keys were allocated to everyone starting on day 1 (doors can be locked from the inside)
- Blinds for the doors were discussed – answer the door is solid but the glass transom on the side will not be blocked – the angle of the classroom provides a non-visible safe area
- Turn over date is still on track
- Whatever materials are left in the school are turned over to the contractor/developer
- Historic artifacts were brought to the New Morgan

District-wide:

- Painting in and out
- Fire alarms and kitchen suppression system tested
- Custodial machines and materials relocated
- The cornerstone for the Old Morgan was found and the time capsule was opened

Assistant Superintendent's Report:

- Provided a PowerPoint presentation for the Smarter Balance Assessment and results for Science CMT and CAPT
- Smarter Balanced was replaced by SAT for grade 11 in 2016
- The Performance Task section of the English Language Arts assessment was discontinued
- Reported on Cohort Comparison, English Language Arts Summative Assessment, CMT/CAPT Science
 - Met with Principals and key teachers; letters will be sent to parents with test results; curriculum and instruction will be adjusted if attention to a particular subject is needed
 - Presently Math scores are not keeping up with English ones – so that should be the focus
 - Ongoing teacher assessments are more valuable than a single test score
 - Questions and answers between Board members and Assistant Superintendent Famiglietti

Business Manager's Report:

- Reported on the leak found at the Pierson School and the damage done
 - Superintendent O'Donnell spoke about the teamwork and quick responses from the principal and maintenance staff
 - The cost to repair the damage does not meet the \$5,000 insurance threshold

- Meeting with the insurance carrier regarding workers' compensation claims
- Moving the finance platform to SunGard this week

Superintendent's Report:

Chromebook Roll-out Update:

- Went smoothly and was successful
- Kids are engaged and productive and the teachers are utilizing them
- Accidental Program Model – is additional insurance families can purchase for \$30/year to cover all breaks and fixes – to date 180 families have signed up
- Security is through the school's wireless filter and the app store is designed to go through the Morgan School app store

District Goals:

- A **MOTION** was made by L. Ruggiero, seconded by E. Gelven to approve the document – Mission of CPS 2016-2017 School Years and the Goals as presented. The motion carried with a vote of 6 in favor and 1 abstained (D. Traynor).
- A. Spaziano thanked Superintendent O'Donnell and Assistant Superintendent Famiglietti for their work and smooth transition into their new roles

Student Rep Process and Timeline:

- An application will be reviewed, revised, and a unified message will be sent out for Junior and Senior students to apply. A due date for applications will be September 30th
- A Policy Subcommittee meeting will be scheduled to review the policy
- Interviews will be scheduled on October 3rd during the day with board members A. Spaziano and L. Ruggiero

CCJEF:

- Discussed the educational cost sharing grant
- Judge found to be irrational and unconstitutional
- Attorney General is going to appeal the decision

Board Meeting Scheduled – 2017 through January 2018 – first reading

- Added June 19th to the schedule
- Discussed the 7:30 p.m. start time – the subcommittees often meet prior to the regular meeting so keep as is

Entry Plan Update:

- Reported on July, August, and September activities
- Still has numerous demands at the New Morgan
- Still in the process of closing the Old Morgan – need to adopt the resolution to turn the Old Morgan over to the town October 15th when it is no longer being used for school purposes.
- Continues to meet with groups, "friends of" groups, and community groups
- By December will consolidate what she heard and information obtained and will share with the BoE

General Update:

- The Chamber of Commerce dinner is scheduled for October 18th
- The Board of Education is honoring Mike Nuzzo, owner of Grand Pizza for his help with student placements and providing summer work for students

Reports:

Budget and Finance/Negotiations Subcommittee:

- Meeting scheduled for October 3rd at 5:30 p.m.

Buildings and Grounds Subcommittee:

- Met with M. Vincent on September 13th regarding the financing for roofing/window projects

- Meet with F. Rossi on September 29th about leasing options for equipment for all schools and final Capital Expenditure Plan

Instruction Subcommittee:

- No report

LEARN:

- No report

Policy Subcommittee:

- No report

Public Relations Subcommittee:

- Meet next week for district newsletter and next years' calendar – September 27th at 5:30 p.m.

School Nutrition Subcommittee:

- No report

Technology Subcommittee:

- No report

Town of Clinton Committees:

- Capital Expenditure Committee – Scheduled to present in November
- Morgan Building Committee – No report
- OPEB – first week in October

Revision to CPS 2016-2017 School Calendar and Professional Development Schedule:

A **MOTION** was made by L. Ruggiero, seconded by E. Gelven to approve the recommended change in the CPS 2016-2017 Calendar/Professional Development Schedule moving the Professional Development Day from Friday, April 7, 2017 to Friday April 21, 2017. The motion carried unanimously.

Resignations/Retirement/Termination:

A **MOTION** was made by E. Gelven, seconded by L. Ruggiero to accept the resignation of Monica DeBerardinis from the Extra Pay Duty of Team Leader effective for the 2016-2017 school year. The motion carried unanimously.

Appointments – (Certified, Classified, Extra Duty)

A **MOTION** was made by L. Ruggiero, seconded by S. Luke to approve the appointment of Susan Haggerty as a para-educator effective September 19, 2016. The motion carried unanimously.

Appointments – Extra Duty Staff – Morgan Alternative Program Teachers

English	Paul Beckett	
Math	Stephanie White	
History	Rachel Antle	\$32.10/hr x 3 hrs a week = \$3,177.90 for (approx. 33 weeks)
Science	Colleen Whittel	
Physical Ed	Peter Gersz	

A **MOTION** was made by S. Luke, seconded by E. Gelven to approve the 2017-2017 Morgan Alternative Program appointments as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Personnel – corrections to Extra Pay Duty stipends approved at meeting of September 6, 2016.

The Extra Duty stipend amounts for Ray Smith and Corey Zdunczyk were approved at the previous meeting; however they were incorrect. The correct amounts are as follows

Ray Smith	Audio Visual Coordinator	\$2,665
Ray Smith	Program Chair – Fine Arts	\$4,032
Corey Zdunczyk	JV Boys Basketball Coach	\$3,120

Financial Items: There were no questions.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Wendy McDermott, Clerk



Sandy Luke, Board Secretary

