



Board of Education Regular Meeting

January 03, 2017 7:30 PM
Board Meeting Room
Administrative Offices
137-B Glenwood Road
Clinton, CT 06413

Attendance Taken at 7:30 PM:

Present Board Members:

Annaliese Spaziano
Peter Giannotti
Sandra Luke
Lois Ruggiero
Doug Traynor
Erica Gelven

Absent Board Members:

Todd Pozefsky

1. Opening Exercises

1.A. Roll call

Discussion:

Also present: Superintendent O'Donnell, Assistant Superintendent Famiglietti and Business Manager Carolyn Dickey

Student Representatives present: Autumn Johnson, Lindsay Harden and Olivia Silver

1.B. Pledge of Allegiance

Discussion:

All stood to recite the Pledge of Allegiance

2. Public participation/recognition

Discussion:

None

3. Minutes - Approval - Regular Meeting of December 5, 2016

Motion Passed: To approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Monday, December 5, 2016, as amended (amendments are: Page 6 Doug Traynor absent for vote taken and on Page 7 Doug Traynor absent for adjournment vote) passed with a motion by Lois Ruggiero and a second by Peter Giannotti.

6 Yeas - 0 Nays.

Annaliese Spaziano	Yes
Peter Giannotti	Yes
Sandra Luke	Yes
Lois Ruggiero	Yes
Doug Traynor	Yes
Erica Gelven	Yes
Todd Pozefsky	Absent

4. Communications

Discussion:
None

5. Report of Student Representatives

Discussion:

- The Student Representative will coordinate a time to meet with Eliot and Pierson School student councils and principals to convey information to them
- There are 15 people involved in the Peer Mentoring Program
- The Fencing Team had a presentation from Technical/Business Teacher M. Richetelli on the proper format for a resume
- Husky Leadership Program will have leadership training days
- A blood drive is being held in the Morgan Gym January 4, 2017
- Exams are scheduled for the week of January 17, 2017

6. Administrative Reports

6.A. Administrators, Program Directors and Teachers

6.A.1. General Update

Discussion:
No report

6.B. Assistant Superintendent's Report

6.B.1. Smarter Balance Growth Model

Discussion:

Discussed the State of Connecticut's Smarter Balanced Assessment Growth Model. The Smarter Balanced Assessment Growth results were shared with principals, and will be shared with teachers.

6.B.2. General Update

Discussion:

A report of the Next Generation Accountability Report will be presented in February. The DARE Program is being reinstated in Grades 5 and 7.

- This 10-lesson program (DARE-Keep it Real) will be co-taught with the Health Teacher at Eliot and Pierson and added to the Health curriculum
- Officers Mangs and Corbin have been trained and will be presenting the program

6.C. Business Manager's Report

6.C.1. General Update

Discussion:

C. Dickey is involved with preparing the Board of Education's operating budget and the various presentations

7. Superintendent's Report

7.A. Community Health Center Expansion

- Satellite offices from Community Health Care, 114 East Main Street are currently in the Eliot and Morgan Schools.
- With the grant funding that has been obtained they will be setting up satellite offices in Pierson and Joel beginning the end of January
- This program provides services to students and their families to meet with therapist to get the help they need, the school just has to provide the space within the schools
- There was a question as to the Board of Education's liability

7.B. 2017-18 preliminary budget discussion

Discussion:

The budget mission is to prepare independent and collaborative learners empowered to embrace the future
The budget calendar is as follows:

February 6, 2017: Board of Education adopts the budget
February 13, 2017: Budget delivered to the Town
February 23, 2017: Presentation made to Board of Finance and Board of Selectmen

The Board of Education's budget preparation calendar is as follows:

January 3, 2017: Introduction and overview of budget
January 9 and 10, 2017: Cost Center presentations
January 19, 2017: Budget-Finance Subcommittee budget review and discussion
January 30, 2017: Board of Education meeting - budget presentation
April 12, 2017: Public Hearing

Some key areas of the budget where increases are expected were brought forward such as

- Salaries (making up 85-88% of the overall budget)
- Enrollment projections (these are projected out to 2023) noting a decrease
- Personnel considerations to include:
 - Evaluate class size
 - Review intervention and support models
 - Analyze special education programming needs
 - Consider declared and potential retirements
 - Project long-range needs and adjustments
 - Examine all staff categories and needs
- Health Insurance costs are estimated to have a 16% increase (this is the early projected increase)
 - Some cost saving considerations are being reviewed
- Social Security and Medicare benefits
- Utilities
- Tuition
 - The Board of Education is responsible for the tuition of those students attending Voag and Magnet schools
 - The funding for this line item has to be reviewed
- Substitutes:
 - The funding for this line item has to be reviewed

Other aspects of the Board of Education budget to consider are:

- The Capital Expenditure budget of \$352,738 will go before the Boards of Finance and Selectmen
- The Debt Service figures were provided by the town to the Board of Education, however these could be adjusted
- The uncertainty of the State Revenue

7.C. General Update

8. Reports

8.A. Board of Education Subcommittees and Special Committees

8.A.1. Budget & Finance/Negotiations Subcommittee (D. Traynor, Annaliese Spaziano, Todd Pozefsky, Lois Ruggiero)

Discussion:

No report

8.A.2. Buildings & Grounds Subcommittee (Lois Ruggiero, Annaliese Spaziano, Doug Traynor)

Discussion:

No report

8.A.3. Instruction Subcommittee (Annaliese Spaziano, Peter Giannotti, Sandy Luke, Erica Gelven)

Discussion:

January 5, 2017, is the first homework study group meeting and will include 4 student attendees.

8.A.4. LEARN (Doug Traynor is the BOE Liaison to LEARN)

Discussion:

The last meeting was held on December 6, 2016, they had a presentation on how Waterford is running their school system. This presentation will be linked to the LEARN Subcommittee. The financials are also available for review.

8.A.5. Policy Subcommittee (Peter Giannotti, Sandy Luke, Lois Ruggiero, Erica Gelven, Doug Traynor)

Discussion:

No report

8.A.6. Public Relations Subcommittee (Sandy Luke, Erica Gelven, Todd Pozefsky)

Discussion:

The second newsletter did not go out to the DTC or RTC. Those town committees will be included when the third newsletter goes out. It was suggested that events be included in the newsletter. The holiday concerts (both band and choral) were discussed and feedback (how and what changes should be made) will be sought from both Ray Smith and John Lampe.

8.A.7. School Nutrition Subcommittee

Discussion:

No report

8.A.8. Technology Subcommittee (Lois Ruggiero, Peter Giannotti, Annaliese Spaziano)

Discussion:

No report

8.B. Town of Clinton Committees

8.B.1. Capital Expenditure Committee

Discussion:
No report

8.B.2. Morgan Building Committee

Discussion:
There is a meeting scheduled for January 4, 2017.

8.B.3. OPEB - Other Post-Employment Benefits Board of Trustees

9. Interdistrict Cooperative Magnet School Agreement

Discussion:
There is no cost incurred by the district. This agreement continues the district’s collaboration with the Cooperative Magnet School Program.

Motion Passed: To approve the continued participation of Clinton Public Schools in the Interdistrict Cooperative Magnet School Program in New Haven for the 2017-2018 school year passed with a motion by Lois Ruggiero and a second by Erica Gelven.

6 Yeas - 0 Nays.

Annaliese Spaziano	Yes
Peter Giannotti	Yes
Sandra Luke	Yes
Lois Ruggiero	Yes
Doug Traynor	Yes
Erica Gelven	Yes
Todd Pozefsky	Absent

10. Field Trip Update

Discussion:
J. Lampe and 25 students will be attending *Hello Dolly* on April 26, 2017.

11. Personnel Items

11.A. Resignations/Retirement/Termination

Discussion:
None

11.B. Appointments (Certificated, Classified, Extra Duty)

11.B.1. Appointment of Classified Staff - Supervisor of Buildings & Grounds

Discussion:
After an intensive and thorough interview process Gonzalo Carrion is the recommended candidate for the position of Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds. Wes Greenleaf will help during this transition period.

Motion Passed: To approve the appointment of Gonzalo Carrion as Supervisor of Buildings & Grounds with an effective date to be determined upon mutual agreement passed with a motion by Doug Traynor and a second by Lois Ruggiero.

6 Yeas - 0 Nays.

Annaliese Spaziano	Yes
Peter Giannotti	Yes
Sandra Luke	Yes
Lois Ruggiero	Yes
Doug Traynor	Yes
Erica Gelven	Yes
Todd Pozefsky	Absent

11.C. Transfers

11.D. Information

12. Financial Items

12.A. Bills Payable

Discussion:

The \$898 figure for instructional supplies was discussed.

13. Adjournment

Motion Passed: To adjourn at 9:07 p.m. passed with a motion by Sandra Luke and a second by Lois Ruggiero.

6 Yeas - 0 Nays.

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Peter Giannotti	Yes
Sandra Luke	Yes
Lois Ruggiero	Yes
Doug Traynor	Yes
Erica Gelven	Yes
Todd Pozefsky	Absent

Sandy Luke, Board Secretary

Wendy McDermott, Clerk