



## Board of Education Regular Meeting

January 30, 2017 7:30 PM

Board Meeting Room  
Administrative Offices  
137-B Glenwood Road  
Clinton, CT 06413

### Attendance Taken at 7:31 PM:

#### Present Board Members:

Annaliese Spaziano  
Peter Giannotti  
Sandra Luke  
Lois Ruggiero  
Erica Gelven  
Todd Pozefsky

#### Absent Board Members:

Doug Traynor

### 1. Opening Exercises

#### 1.A. Roll call

##### Discussion:

In addition to Board members, Superintendent Maryann O'Donnell, Assistant Superintendent Marco Famiglietti, Business Director Carolyn Dickey, and Student Representatives Autumn Johnson and Olivia Silver.

#### 1.B. Pledge of Allegiance

##### Discussion:

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

### 2. Public participation/recognition

##### Discussion:

There was no public participation.

### 3. Minutes - Approval - Regular Meeting of January 3, 2017

**Motion Passed:** To approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Tuesday, January 3, 2017, 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	Absent
Erica Gelven	Yes
Todd Pozefsky	Yes

#### 4. Proposed 2017-2018 Budget

Discussion:

The Board received handouts of the Superintendent's presentation. Mrs. O'Donnell thanked the Board for their support and provided a background for her proposed budget. She reviewed the goals, driving forces and unifying principles as well as the budget principles. The Superintendent discussed the idea of instructional core and identified district priorities. She continued with an overview of the timeline for budget construction and identified the three components of the budget: Capital Budget, Debt Service and Operations Budget.

Although the evening's focus was on operations, she provided a brief breakdown of the capital budget and debt service. The Capital Budget has increased by \$432 or 0.12%, and the Debt Service has increased by \$428,466 or 3.6%.

Honing in on the operations budget, she discussed the major forces/drivers of the budget, unique impacts, and current year drivers. Forces impacting the budget include Special Services, utility costs at The Morgan School, and enrollment decline. Personnel reductions and restructuring have been considered, as have health insurance cost containment, grant support reallocation, and district staffing.

The largest components of the increase are medical insurance (2.45%), salaries (0.73%), and electricity (0.43%). The total proposed increase is \$1,189,051 or 3.77%.

The Superintendent distributed a draft of the proposed 2017-18 budget which was reviewed by the Board. Questions and discussion followed regarding the reduction of paraprofessional positions, health costs, virtual Chinese language programs, gifted and talented coordinator positions, and after-school programs. The Board was reminded that any further questions should be funneled through A. Spaziano who will share responses with all Board members. The Board will vote on the budget adoption at the next Board meeting.

Mrs. O'Donnell thanked her staff, administrators, and the Board for their assistance in building the budget.

#### 5. Adjournment

**Motion Passed:** To adjourn the meeting at 8:46 p.m. passed with a motion by Sandra Luke and a second by Peter Giannotti.

#### 6 Yeas - 0 Nays.

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

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Sandy Luke, Board Secretary

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Allison Friday, Board Recorder