Board of Education Regular Meeting
March 02, 2020 7:00 PM
Board Meeting Room
Administrative Offices
137-B Glenwood Road
Clinton, CT 06413

Attendance Taken at: 7:00 PM

Present Board Members:
Erica Gelven
Jason Adler
Michael Hornyak
Christopher Passante
Kimberly Russo
Catherine Staunton

Absent Board Members:
Omar Francis

Updated Attendance:
Jason Adler was updated to present at: 7:15 PM
Christopher Passante was updated to present at 8:01 PM

1. Opening Exercises
1.A. Roll call

Discussion:
Also in attendance were Superintendent Maryann O'Donnell, Assistant Superintendent Marco Famiglietti, Business Manager Carolyn Dickey, and Student Representatives Sarah Auletta and Emma Lindsay.

1.B. Pledge of Allegiance

Discussion:
All stood for the pledge.

2. Public participation/recognition

Discussion:
There was no public participation.

3. Minutes – Approval – Regular Meeting of February 3, 2020

Discussion:
Corrections needed: In Section 8A, the totals for the Joel and Eliot projects were adjusted from $2.1M to $1.437M and from $528K to $415K, respectively.

Motion Passed: To approve the minutes, with corrections, of the regular meeting of February 3, 2020, passed with a motion by Catherine Staunton and a second by Kimberly Russo.

4 Yeas - 0 Nays

Erica Gelven Yes
Jason Adler Absent
Omar Francis Absent

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Michael Hornyak  Yes
Christopher Passante Absent
Kimberly Russo  Yes
Catherine Staunton  Yes

4. Communications

Discussion:
There were no communications

5. Report of Student Representatives

Discussion:
The student representatives reported on Joel's 100th Day Celebration, course selection at Eliot by the 8th graders, Invention Convention on March 4th at Eliot, and Eliot parent/teacher conferences on March 26th.

In Morgan news, Catie Donadio, the Courant's CT Varsity Athlete of the Week. The boys basketball team is participating in the quarter finals of the Shoreline Conference tournament. For the first time, the sophomore class is hosting a semi-formal. *The Little Mermaid* is in rehearsal for its March 20 to March 22 run. In fencing, all six squads celebrated 100th wins. In Morgan wrestling, a night in Gavin Carlisle's memory was held to create awareness regarding mental health.

5.A. Random Acts of Kindness Campaign

Discussion:
The student representatives detailed the outcome of the Random Acts of Kindness project spearheaded by Morgan Spanish teacher Laura Luther.

6. Field Trip Proposal and Possible Approval

Discussion:
Morgan English teacher Brooke Mazzarella made a proposal to the Board to reschedule the Costa Rica Sea Turtle Initiative trip to 2021 instead of August 2020 due to low enrollment for the 2020 date.

**Motion Passed:** To approve a field trip to Costa Rica in August 2021 passed with a motion by Michael Hornyak and a second by Kimberly Russo.

5 Yees - 0 Nays

Erica Gelven  Yes
Jason Adler  Yes
Omar Francis Absent
Michael Hornyak  Yes
Christopher Passante Absent
Kimberly Russo  Yes
Catherine Staunton  Yes

7. Administrative Reports
7.A. Administrators, Program Directors and Teachers
7.A.1. General Update
7.B. Assistant Superintendent's Report
7.B.1. School Accountability Report Presentation

Discussion:
M. Famiglietti provided an overview of the Next Generation Accountability Report results for 2019-20. The report synthesizes a variety of different metrics to create a district 'report card.' The metrics
cover a wide variety of areas from student enrollment in arts courses to academic growth to chronic absenteeism.

The district performed above the state average in almost all indicators. Pierson school was denoted as a ‘School of Distinction’ in math.

7.B.2. General Update

Motion passed: To add agenda item 7.B.3., Review and Possible Approval of Perkins Supplemental Grant Application passed with a motion by Catherine Staunton and a second by Kimberly Russo.

6 Yeas – 0 Nays

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7.B.3. Review and Possible Approval of Perkins Supplemental Grant Application

Discussion:
M. Famigletti reviewed the purpose of the Perkins Supplemental grant application: to increase awareness of manufacturing jobs by purchasing relevant technology and funding field trips to area manufacturing plants.

Discussion followed regarding funding after grant monies have been spent. Administration is enthusiastic about the grant providing a connection between students and the community.

Motion passed: To approve the 2020-21 Perkins Supplemental Grant application passed with a motion by Michael Hornyak and a second by Jason Adler.

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7.C. Business Manager's Report
7.C.1. Bills Payable

Discussion:
A question regarding bills payable was raised and discussed.

7.C.3. General Update

Discussion:
C. Dickey discussed the work her office is doing to wrap up the last quarter of the year. An audit will be held in May and the pension partners will provide a review to the Board's Budget/Finance subcommittee on March 23rd.
M. O'Donnell reminded the Board that a motion to apply end-of-year funds to the Joel roofing project may take place in early April.

8. Superintendent's Report
8.A. CT Water Project Update

Discussion:
M. O'Donnell discussed the water main project taking place on Glenwood and other nearby roads. Although communication by the water company and vendor was spotty at first, clear and consistent lines of communication have been established.

The repair work impacts all three schools and supply should not be interrupted. While the possibility of a one-hour pipe shutdown may be necessary, plans are in place to maintain water flow to the schools using tanker trucks.

Efforts are being made to minimize impact to the schools by doing major excavation during spring break.

8.B. Notification of Donation: Batting Cage

Discussion:
As required by BOE policy #3280, M. O'Donnell informed the Board of the donation of a batting cage to be installed at the Indian River Complex with the assistance of DPW. DPW will also be responsible for removing the netting at the end of each season.

8.C. District Monitoring & Response re: COVID-19

Discussion:
Administration is closely tracking the spread of COVID-19 and is receiving weekly updates from the CT River Area Health District and the nurses are receiving suggestions and protocols from the state.

Contingencies for closing schools are being discussed throughout the state. Conversations with the travel companies running school trips to Greece, Montreal, and Costa Rica are in process to discuss options in case of cancellations. Communication with parents will take place through M. O'Donnell.

8.D. General Update

Discussion:
The 2020-21 budget is being finalized by the town. The trending for health insurance costs is downward. RevTrak, an online app that allows parents to deposit money in student lunch accounts, is being replaced by MySchoolBucks. The new system should be up and running on Tuesday, March 3.

9. Reports of Board of Education Subcommittees and Special Committees
9.A. General Updates

Discussion:
The Budget & Finance subcommittee will meet on March 23rd to listen to an overview by the pension managers.

The proposed June 29 Policy subcommittee meeting needs to be rescheduled.

10. Personnel Items
10.A. Staff Appointments
10.A.1. Appointment of Extra-Pay Staff - Girls Track at Morgan

Motion Passed: To appoint Alexandria Holmes as the Girls Track Coach at Morgan passed with a motion by Catherine Staunton and a second by Kimberly Russo.
6 Yeas - 0 Nays

Erica Gelven  Yes  
Jason Adler  Yes   
Omar Francis  Absent  
Michael Hornyak  Yes   
Christopher Passante  Yes  
Kimberly Russo  Yes   
Catherine Staunton  Yes 

10.B. Information

11. Adjournment

Motion Passed: To adjourn at 8:43 p.m. passed with a motion by Michael Hornyak and a second by Jason Adler.

6 Yeas - 0 Nays

Erica Gelven  Yes  
Jason Adler  Yes   
Omar Francis  Absent  
Michael Hornyak  Yes   
Christopher Passante  Yes  
Kimberly Russo  Yes   
Catherine Staunton  Yes 

Michael Hornyak, Secretary of the Board

Allison Friday, Clerk of the Board