

**Clinton Public Schools
Board of Education
Budget and Finance Subcommittee
March 9, 2017
5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.**

Minutes

Board of Education Members present: Erica Gelven, Sandy Luke, Todd Pozefsky, Lois Ruggiero, Annaliese Spaziano

Also present: Maryann O'Donnell and Carolyn Dickey

E. Gelven left the meeting at 6:15 p.m. and A. Spaziano left the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

M. O'Donnell distributed a copy of the minutes of the March 6, 2017 Special Meeting of the Board of Finance, as well as a copy of Public Act 13-60 An Act Concerning the Consolidation of Noneducational Services. The members of the Board of Education reviewed the components of Public Act 13-60 and identified the need to discuss the recommendations of the Board of Finance and to respond in writing to the suggestions and noting any rejections. The purpose of PA 13-60 is for the Board of Finance to "make spending recommendations and suggestions to such board of education as to how such board of education may consolidate noneducational services and realize financial efficiencies."

The three recommendations that were passed by the Board of Finance were discussed. Clarification and background were provided, and the Board members discussed the possibility and merit of each recommendation as it related to cost-savings.

The recommendations included reviewing the Food Service program and putting it out to bid to outside vendors, combining the Board of Education's payroll clerks with the town's account receivable and payroll clerk, and having an energy audit done on the new high school.

Discussion on each item identified the work that the administration is doing in each area to review operations to ensure that each area is operating efficiently and cost-effectively, changes that have been put in place in the current school year, and the feasibility of each suggestion as it relates to functioning of the school district, quality and efficiency of services, and the cost savings that would be associated with each suggested item.

The subcommittee members agreed to draft a memo from the Board of Education Chairperson that would respond according to the requirements of PA 13-60.

Meeting adjourned 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
M. O'Donnell