



## **Joint Subcommittee Meeting: Budget & Finance and Buildings & Grounds**

March 26, 2018 6:30 PM  
The Morgan School Cafe  
71 Killingworth Tpke  
Clinton, CT 06413

### **Attendance Taken at 6:31 PM:**

#### Present Board Members:

Erica Gelven  
Sandra Luke  
Lois Ruggiero

### **1. Opening Exercises**

#### **1.A. Roll call**

##### Discussion:

Also present were Superintendent O'Donnell, Assistant Superintendent Famiglietti and members of the public.

#### **1.B. Pledge of Allegiance**

##### Discussion:

Erica Gelven led participants in the Pledge of Allegiance

### **2. Facilities Study Review & Strategic Planning**

##### Discussion:

Subcommittee Chair Gelven and Subcommittee Chair Ruggiero welcomed the public and gave an overview of the evening's presentation. They stated that although public participation would take place during the subcommittee meeting, there are notecards available for the public to write down their questions. A member of the public asked if there would be responses to the written questions to which Mrs. Ruggiero stated that there would be feedback provided and the input would be considered.

Superintendent O'Donnell presented a summary of the long-range facilities assessment study conducted in 2014. She stated that the full study is available on the district website.

Superintendent O'Donnell explained that some of the assumptions from the 2014 study are no longer the same as they are today, and that the projected enrollments from 2014 are not consistent with the current enrollment projections.

Superintendent O'Donnell also discussed the following additional factors to be considered in the decision-making process for future facility use: programs, grade configurations, facility maintenance and needs, operational costs, and community benefits.

Floor plans and general facilities information regarding Joel, Pierson, and Eliot schools were shared.

Subcommittee Chair Gelven stated that as Board of Education Chair, she is calling for the formation of a special advisory committee. She explained that the committee would consist of Board of Education members, central office staff, district administrators, and teachers.

She stated that the process would begin in May 2018 with work to continue through the summer with the goal of sharing information and entertaining public input in the fall with the intent of having a final decision made by the full Board of Education by October 2018. After the final decision is made, the Board would direct the Superintendent to begin the implementation of the plan.

Subcommittee Chair Ruggiero reminded members of the public that there are note cards on the tables for them to write down their questions. She and Subcommittee Chair Gelven thanked the members of the community for attending the subcommittee meeting.

Superintendent O'Donnell reiterated that there are no preconceived decisions that have been made and that she welcomes the input and questions from the public.

### **3. Adjournment**

Discussion:

Meeting adjourned at 7:13 pm

Respectfully submitted by M. Famiglietti