



Board of Education Regular Meeting

June 03, 2019 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
Lois Ruggiero
Omar Francis
Sandra Luke
Catherine Staunton

Absent Board Members:

Kimberly Russo
Michael Hornyak

Updated Attendance:

Lois Ruggiero was updated to present at: 8:19 PM

1. Opening Exercises

1.A. Roll call

Discussion:

Superintendent O'Donnell, Assistant Superintendent Famiglietti, and Business Manager Dickey were present as were student representatives Kayla Pellegrini, Daniel Radka, and Sarah Auletta.

1.B. Pledge of Allegiance

Discussion:

All stood for the pledge.

2. Public participation/recognition

Discussion:

Resident Thomas Riccio inquired about the Minimum Budget Requirement (MBR). The Superintendent explained that the MBR is set by the state and is not something set by the Board of Education. In addition, the 2019-20 budget that passed at the referendum will not be in violation of MBR because it represented an increased budget compared to 2018-19.

3. Minutes - Approval

3.A. Special Meeting of May 16, 2019

Discussion:

The motion was tabled until June 17th or later in the meeting.

Motion Failed: To approve the minutes of the special meeting of May 16, 2019, failed with a motion by Sandra Luke and a second by Catherine Staunton.

3 Yeas - 0 Nays - 1 Abstained.

Erica Gelven	Yes
Lois Ruggiero	Absent
Omar Francis	Abstain
Michael Hornyak	Absent
Sandra Luke	Yes
Kimberly Russo	Absent
Catherine Staunton	Yes

3.B. Regular Meeting of May 20, 2019

Discussion:

The motion was tabled until June 17th or later in the meeting.

Motion Failed: To approve the minutes from the regular meeting of May 20, 2019, failed with a motion by Sandra Luke and a second by Catherine Staunton.

3 Yeas - 0 Nays - 1 Abstained.

Erica Gelven	Yes
Lois Ruggiero	Absent
Omar Francis	Yes
Michael Hornyak	Absent
Sandra Luke	Abstain
Kimberly Russo	Absent
Catherine Staunton	Yes

4. Communications

Discussion:

None.

5. Recognition of Walk-a-Thon Organizers

Discussion:

Pierson Principal Deb Murray introduced Pierson students Cora Deming, Taylor Breen, and Addy Beck, the main organizers of the Pierson Walk-a-Thon that was recently held. The Walk-a-Thon and other events have raised over \$2,000 for the Kenya Connect organization which helps to educate student in rural Kenya. Board of Education Chair Erica Gelven recognized the three students with a certificate of achievement related to their efforts and accomplishments.

6. Report of Student Representatives

Discussion:

K. Pellegrini, D. Radka, and S. Auletta provided updates on events at all four schools including Marine Science Day at Pierson, 8th grade and Morgan finals, and the senior and underclassmen awards. Graduation will take place on Wednesday, June 12th.

7. Spring Sports Update

Discussion:

Captains and coaches from the spring sports programs reported on their season. All athletes and coaches thanked the Board of Education, parents, administration, DPW, and Parks and Rec. Special thanks from the golf team went to the Clinton Country Club. Retiring coaches Underwood and Cockley, and retiring athletic coordinator Kevin Rayel were thanked for their service to the student athletes.

8. Review and Possible Approval of List of Potential Morgan 2019 Graduates

Motion Passed: To approve the list of potential Morgan 2019 graduates passed with a motion by Sandra Luke and a second by Catherine Staunton.

4 Yeas - 0 Nays.

Erica Gelven	Yes
Lois Ruggiero	Absent
Omar Francis	Yes
Michael Hornyak	Absent
Sandra Luke	Yes
Kimberly Russo	Absent
Catherine Staunton	Yes

9. Administrative Reports

9.A. Administrators, Program Directors and Teachers

9.A.1. General Update

9.B. Assistant Superintendent's Report

9.B.1. General Update

Discussion:

The board heard from M. Famiglietti about Step-Up Day at Eliot for 4th and 5th graders, and about a presentation at Eliot for the parents of those students.

Mr. Famiglietti also discussed professional development on May 30th for AP teachers since the College Board has made some changes to their registration timeline. On that same day, a consultant for curriculum writing worked with faculty using the "Understanding by Design" framework.

Discussion followed regarding the passing rates on AP tests last year.

9.C. Business Manager's Report

9.C.1. Bills Payable

Discussion:

There were no questions regarding bills payable.

9.C.2. General Update

Discussion:

The transfer of insurance information to the state is complete. Employees are expected to receive their new insurance cards by July 1st.

Work is ongoing closing out the current year and opening the new year to allow for the input of requisitions for the 2019-20 budget.

A pre-audit meeting will be held with Town and Board of Education representatives and the Town's accountants on June 4th.

10. Superintendent's Report

10.A. Goals Update: Part One

Discussion:

The Strategic Plan outlines the goals for the next three years and contains five strategic priorities. The Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent reviewed Strategic Priorities #1 and #2 and the initiatives and action steps for those priorities. The other three priorities will be reported on at the next Board meeting. Highlights included the development and implementation of the Next Generation Science curriculum and Number Corner in elementary math, a revised junior portfolio process, expansion of Google Classroom, the evaluation of NWEA/MAP testing, and refining the Talented and Gifted programming processes for improved services to students.

Discussion followed regarding how the staff is adapting to the district reorganization.

10.B. Director of Special Services Search Process Update

Discussion:

The position has been posted. The hiring process was described, and the timeline for the search was presented. Board members were invited to serve on the search committee.

10.C. Legislative Update

Discussion:

Indications are that the state budget may come in with the expected ECS intact. The accelerated cut to the Educational Cost Share is not on the table and the Teacher Retirement Board contributions have not been pushed to the towns.

10.D. General Update

Discussion:

Eliot School has been named a "School of Distinction" for its Invention Convention program.

Kelly Enoch's efforts in applying for a professional development grant have resulted in \$6K being awarded to the district. The funds will be used for professional development to be conducted by SERC consultant Donna Merritt.

11. Reports of Board of Education Subcommittees and Special Committees

Discussion:

11.A. General Updates

Discussion:

Board members were encouraged to read the minutes.

There will be no Policy Subcommittee meeting on June 17th.

S. Luke and E. Gelven will set a time for the next Public Relations Subcommittee meeting to discuss PR for the new school year and district reorganization.

12. Field Trip Update

Discussion:
No updates.

13. Personnel Items

13.A. Staff Appointments

13.A.1. Appointment of Certified Staff - English at Morgan

Motion Passed: To appoint Eric Carroll as an English Teacher at The Morgan School beginning with the 2019-2020 school year passed with a motion by Lois Ruggiero and a second by Sandra Luke.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays.

Erica Gelven	Yes
Lois Ruggiero	Yes
Omar Francis	Yes
Michael Hornyak	Absent
Sandra Luke	Yes
Kimberly Russo	Absent
Catherine Staunton	Yes

13.A.2. Appointment of Certified Staff - Board Certified Behavior Analyst

Motion Passed: To appoint Dana Githmark as a Board Certified Behavior Analyst for the Clinton Public Schools beginning with the 2019-2020 school year to include Extended School Year 2019 passed with a motion by Lois Ruggiero and a second by Sandra Luke.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays.

Erica Gelven	Yes
Lois Ruggiero	Yes
Omar Francis	Yes
Michael Hornyak	Absent
Sandra Luke	Yes
Kimberly Russo	Absent
Catherine Staunton	Yes

13.B. Information

3. Minutes - Approval

3.A. Special Meeting of May 16, 2019 (tabled from earlier in the meeting)

Motion Passed: To approve the minutes from the special meeting of May 16, 2019 passed with a motion by Lois Ruggiero and a second by Sandra Luke.

4 Yeas - 0 Nays - 1 Abstained.

Erica Gelven	Yes
Lois Ruggiero	Yes
Omar Francis	Abstain
Michael Hornyak	Absent

Sandra Luke	Yes
Kimberly Russo	Absent
Catherine Staunton	Yes

3.B. Regular Meeting of May 20, 2019 (tabled from earlier in the meeting)

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Lois Ruggiero	Yes
Omar Francis	Yes
Michael Hornyak	Absent
Sandra Luke	Abstain
Kimberly Russo	Absent
Catherine Staunton	Yes

14. Adjournment

Motion Passed: To adjourn at 9:26 p.m. passed with a motion by Lois Ruggiero and a second by Catherine Staunton.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays.

Erica Gelven	Yes
Lois Ruggiero	Yes
Omar Francis	Yes
Michael Hornyak	Absent
Sandra Luke	Yes
Kimberly Russo	Absent
Catherine Staunton	Yes



Sandy Luke, Board Secretary



Allison Friday, Board Recorder