

# **Board of Education Regular Meeting**

October 01, 2018 7:30 PM Board Meeting Room Administrative Offices 137-B Glenwood Road Clinton, CT 06413

#### Attendance Taken at 7:30 PM:

Present Board Members:

Erica Gelven Michael Hornyak Sandra Luke Lois Ruggiero

Absent Board Members:

Doug Traynor Kimberly Russo Peter Giannotti

# 1. Opening Exercises

#### 1.A. Roll call

Discussion:

Also in attendance were Superintendent Maryann O'Donnell, Assistant Superintendent Marco Famiglietti, and Business Manager Carolyn Dickey.

Student representative Kayla Pellegrini was present as well.

### 1.B. Pledge of Allegiance

Discussion:

All stood for the pledge.

# 2. Public participation/recognition

Discussion:

No public participation.

# 3. Minutes - Approval - Regular Meeting of September 17, 2018

**Motion Passed:** To approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 17, 2018, passed with a motion by Lois Ruggiero and a second by Sandra Luke.

# 4 Yeas - 0 Nays.

Erica Gelven

Yes

Peter Giannotti

Absent

Michael Hornyak

Yes

Sandra Luke Lois Ruggiero Yes

Kimberly Russo

Yes

Doug Traynor

Absent Absent

#### 4. Communications

#### Discussion:

The LEARN Board of Directors meeting dates were reviewed. The Board requested minutes of the meetings.

# 5. Report of Student Representatives

#### Discussion:

K. Pellegrini reported on several events at Morgan. Financial Aid night will be held on October 18th. At UCONN's 8th annual cardboard boat race, Morgan placed 4th in their race. They also received awards for Most Spirit and Best Presentation.

# 5.A. Motion to move agenda item #10

**Motion Passed:** To move Agenda Item #10, Field Trips, to Item 5A passed with a motion by Lois Ruggiero and a second by Sandra Luke.

#### 4 Yeas - 0 Nays.

| Erica Gelven    | Yes    |
|-----------------|--------|
| Peter Giannotti | Absent |
| Michael Hornyak | Yes    |
| Sandra Luke     | Yes    |
| Lois Ruggiero   | Yes    |
| Kimberly Russo  | Absent |
| Doug Traynor    | Absent |

#### 5.A.1. Field Trip Update

#### Discussion:

Laura Luther, Spanish teacher at Morgan, informed the Board of the details of a proposed trip to Costa Rica for students in April 2020.

**Motion Passed:** To approve a field trip to Costa Rica organized by the World Language Department at Morgan in April 2020 passed with a motion by Lois Ruggiero and a second by Sandra Luke.

#### 4 Yeas - 0 Nays.

| Erica Gelven    | Yes    |
|-----------------|--------|
| Peter Giannotti | Absent |
| Michael Hornyak | Yes    |
| Sandra Luke     | Yes    |
| Lois Ruggiero   | Yes    |
| Kimberly Russo  | Absent |
| Doug Traynor    | Absent |

### 6. Authorization of ED-099 Agreement

**Motion Passed:** To authorize the Superintendent Maryann O'Donnell, Business Manager Carolyn Dickey, and Board Secretary Sandra Luke to execute the ED-099 Agreement for Child Nutrition Programs passed with a motion by Lois Ruggiero and a second by Sandra Luke.

#### 4 Yeas - 0 Nays.

Erica Gelven Yes
Peter Giannotti Absent
Michael Hornyak Yes
Sandra Luke Yes
Lois Ruggiero Yes
Kimberly Russo Absent
Doug Traynor Absent

#### 7. Administrative Reports

7.A. Administrators, Program Directors and Teachers

7.A.1. General Update

7.B. Assistant Superintendent's Report

7.B.1. Assessment Report

#### Discussion:

M. Famiglietti invited Morgan principal Keri Hagness to join him in presenting assessment results for the Smarter Balanced, SAT and Advanced Placement to the Board. They discussed the purpose of the assessments, as well as background information, results, comparison information, and steps going forward. This includes curriculum examination and alignment efforts in mathematics and English-Language Arts.

#### 7.B.2. General Update

7.C. Business Manager's Report

# 7.C.1. General Update

#### Discussion:

C. Dickey reported on week three with the auditors and their areas of focus including process and reporting. Attendance is now printed on each employee's pay check, a project the business office has been working on this past year.

# 8. Superintendent's Report

#### 8.A. Enrollment Update

# Discussion:

Student enrollment is up by 18 from the year's projection.

#### 8.B. Morgan Culvert and River Restoration Update

# Discussion:

A culvert at Morgan sustained damage during rain storms last week. The culvert had originally gone through an extensive permitting process with the CT-DEEP and the Army Corp of Engineers. The town is requesting emergency funding to repair the structure but the process may be another extensive one. Initial estimates are \$700K for the project.

#### 8.C. School Crisis Advisory Board Information

#### Discussion:

The School Crisis Advisory Board coordinates safety efforts district-wide and includes school district representatives and First Responders. This group brings expertise on facilities, mental health, and safety. The Board goals for 2018-19 are to refine training/drill processes, improve communication, and work on relocation planning.

Discussion followed regarding a joint assembly with the PTA to be held on November 1st, and the availability of new security grants from the state.

# 8.D. First Reading of Board of Education 2019 Regular Meeting Schedule

#### Discussion:

The Board had its first reading of the 2019 regular meeting schedule.

# 8.E. General Update

#### Discussion:

The next Board of Education newsletter will announce new members, facilities changes, and other important news. It was also noted that since the beginning of the year, the transportation routes have been revamped.

# 9. Reports of Board of Education Subcommittees and Special Committees 9.A. Board of Education 2019-2020 Budget Calendar

Discussion:

#### 9.B. General Updates

# Discussion:

The policy committee will meet on October 15th at 5:30 p.m. The November 5th meeting has been rescheduled to November 19th.

A special Budget-Finance/Negotiations meeting will need to be scheduled to discuss health insurance options. October 9th at 7 p.m. was proposed.

A special meeting on October 23rd at 7 p.m. will be held in the Morgan cafeteria regarding CCC findings and recommendations to the Board.

#### 10. Personnel Items

# 10.A. Staff Appointments

# 10.B. Leave of Absence Requests

**Motion Passed:** To approve a leave of absence for Jessica Sears-Thompson for the remainder of the 2018-2019 school year passed with a motion by Sandra Luke and a second by Lois Ruggiero.

#### 4 Yeas - 0 Nays.

Erica Gelven Yes
Peter Giannotti Absent
Michael Hornyak Yes
Sandra Luke Yes
Lois Ruggiero Yes
Kimberly Russo Absent
Doug Traynor Absent

# 10.C. Information

# 11. Financial Items

# 11.A. Bills Payable

# 12. Adjournment

**Motion Passed:** To adjourn at 9:50 p.m. passed with a motion by Lois Ruggiero and a second by Sandra Luke

# 4 Yeas - 0 Nays.

Erica Gelven Yes
Peter Giannotti Absent
Michael Hornyak Yes
Sandra Luke Yes
Lois Ruggiero Yes
Kimberly Russo Absent
Doug Traynor Absent

Sandy Luke, Board Secretary

Allison Friday, Board Recorder