



## **Board of Education Regular Meeting**

Monday, January 24, 2022 7:00 PM

Board Meeting Room  
Administrative Offices  
137 B Glenwood Road  
Clinton, CT 06413

Attendance Taken at 7:00 PM.

Jason Adler:	Present
Erica Gelven:	Present
Michael Hornyak:	Present
Peter Nye:	Present
Alan Samet:	Present
Jack Scherban:	Present
Catherine Staunton:	Present

### **1. Opening Exercises**

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

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

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

All stood for the pledge.

### **2. Public participation/recognition**

There was no public participation.

### **3. Minutes - Approval - Regular Meeting of January 3, 2022**

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 3, 2022. Carried with a motion by Jason Adler and a second by Alan Samet.

Alan Samet:	Yea
Catherine Staunton:	Abstain
Erica Gelven:	Yea
Jack Scherban:	Yea
Jason Adler:	Yea
Michael Hornyak:	Abstain
Peter Nye:	Abstain

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Abstain: 3



#### 4. Superintendent's Proposed 2022-2023 Budget

Superintendent M. O'Donnell presented her proposed 2022-2023 budget formally to the Board. The operating budget request was presented at \$34,552,204, an increase of \$641,147, or 1.89%.

The Board's vote on the proposed operating budget will be on its February 7 agenda. If approved, the budget will be presented to the Town of Clinton. M. O'Donnell discussed the budget's support of the district's mission, goals, and strategic priorities in order to support students and staff as the district recovers from the effects of the pandemic. The focus on students and staff includes maintaining appropriate class sizes, offering relevant curriculum, providing academic intervention, supporting athletics and clubs/activities, and supporting and developing social-emotional systems.

M. O'Donnell reviewed some of the offsets to the proposed budget which include grant applications and awards as well as cost-containment efforts by administration in the form of competitive bids and pricing.

The driving forces of the operating budget increase were presented including professional services, insurance, teaching materials, and student tuition. Salary and benefit increases account for 1.08% of the 1.89% increase and all other costs account for 0.81%.

Areas of saving include reduction in public utility costs, reduced postage and telephone costs, and efficiencies in heating fuel. There are additional savings in employee benefits due to positive investment gains in the non-certified pension and trending related to workers' compensation claims. A few other areas of cost containment are transportation, in-district programs, and grant-funded behavioral support personnel.

The status of the other components of the proposed budget (Capital, and Debt Service) were also provided. In total, the proposed operating, capital, and debt service requests come to \$38,008,225. This represents an increase of \$851,218 or 2.32%. It was noted that some line items have yet to be finalized.

Discussion followed regarding grant funding, pension, the gymnasium floors, athletic event gate receipt accounting, publication of the proposed budget, and capital expenses.

M. O'Donnell thanked teachers, staff, administrators, and the Board of Education for their support in developing the budget.

## 5. Adjournment

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 8:05 PM. Carried with a motion by Michael Hornyak and a second by Catherine Staunton.

Alan Samet: Yea  
Catherine Staunton: Yea  
Erica Gelven: Yea  
Jack Scherban: Yea  
Jason Adler: Yea  
Michael Hornyak: Yea  
Peter Nye: Yea  
Yea: 7, Nay: 0

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Michael Hornyak, Board Secretary

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Allison Friday, Board Recorder