



Board of Education Regular Meeting

Monday, March 21, 2022 7:00 PM

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

Attendance Taken at 7:00 PM.

Jason Adler:	Absent
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, Business Manager Carolyn Dickey, and Student Representative Abel Rodriguez.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

All stood for the pledge.

2. Public participation/recognition

There were no public comments.

3. Minutes - Approval - Regular Meeting of March 7, 2022

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 7, 2022. Carried with a motion by Michael Hornyak and a second by Jack Scherban.

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

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1, Abstain: 1

4. Communications

There were no communications.

5. Report of Student Representatives

A. Rodriguez reported on student activities at each of the schools. At Morgan, Swoosh for Change raised over \$4,000 for mental health causes. Gluten-free and vegetarian meal options are now available in the cafeteria, and fencing and basketball had successful seasons. The Junior and Senior proms are taking place in May. At Eliot, eighth graders are being provided support in the Morgan course selection process. Nature's Classroom will take place the week of March 28 and parent/teacher conferences are being held on March 24. At Joel, students have returned to working in small group settings, "March Mathness" is in full swing, and third graders are preparing for MAP testing. The Board thanked Abel for his insight.

6. Administrative Reports

A. Administrators, Program Directors and Teachers

1. General Update

B. Assistant Superintendent's Report

1. General Update

On April 14, "Science of Reading" professional development will take place for teachers. At Morgan and Eliot, curriculum work on building a pathway in computer science from elementary through high school continues. Bilingual classes in other districts are being visited to develop alternative classes to support struggling ELL students in the district. On March 30, core members of the Advanced Manufacturing Initiative will meet to discuss progress and to plan an open house for the new engineering suite at Morgan.

C. Business Manager's Report

1. Bills Payable

There were no questions regarding bills payable.

2. General Update

The Business Office is beginning its end-of-year process, closing out purchase orders, and completing IDEA and ESSER reporting. Spring and summer projects are being reviewed with the Buildings and Grounds Department.

7. Superintendent's Report

A. Board Member Appreciation

There was a break in the meeting to celebrate and thank the members of the Board for their service. The Board Chair and the Superintendent expressed their appreciation for each member's time, commitment, collaboration, and hard work. Each member received a small gift.

B. Strategic Planning Updated Timeline & Activities

M. O'Donnell provided the Board with an update on the strategic planning timeline. She laid out the three-year process which will start by soliciting input from staff and will focus on core beliefs, achievement of goals, and innovative ideas. The administration hopes to share initial results with the Board in June to refine its action plan.

C. General Update

Although there is a commitment to continuing talks for fall 2023, it was determined that Old Saybrook and Westbrook would not combine football teams with Clinton in the fall of 2022.

8. Reports of Board of Education Subcommittees and Special Committees

A. General Updates

Minutes from the Buildings and Grounds subcommittee meeting were attached to the Board packet. A meeting was held with the vendor responsible for replacing lighting and boilers at Joel and Eliot.

The Instruction subcommittee met earlier in the day and was joined by Chris Luther, Assistant Principal at Morgan, to discuss potential adjustments to the method of calculating GPAs. Discussions regarding piloting an Honors Challenge for elective courses at Morgan also took place.

The Public Relations subcommittee discussed budget communications for the 2022-23 budget and professional development days in the 2022-23 calendar. Banners that celebrate our students and tie into the new district branding are being considered.

The Policy subcommittee will meet on April 4.

9. Discussion and Possible Action re: Use of 2021-22 Operating Funds for Capital Expenditures

MOTION: To approve the expenditure of \$42,000 from the 2021-22 operating budget for the resurfacing of the Main Floor A Wing at Morgan and classroom shade replacement in the district. Carried with a motion by Jack Scherban and a second by Michael Hornyak.

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

Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

10. Second Reading and Possible Adoption of Policies

MOTION: To adopt revised policies 5114, 5125, 5141, 5148, 5157, 5158, 6300, 6303 and 6310 as presented. Carried with a motion by Peter Nye and a second by Catherine Staunton.

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

Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

A.#5114 Student Discipline

B.#5125 Confidentiality and Access to Student Records

C.#5141 Administration of Student Medications in the Schools

D.#5148 Child Sex Abuse and Assault Response and Reporting

E.#5157 Student Use of the District Computer Systems

F.#5158 Use of Private Technology Devices by Students

G.#6300 Credit for Online Courses

H.#6303 IDEA Alternative Assessments

I.#6310 Parent-Teacher Communication

11.Personnel Information

Personnel updates were provided to the Board.

12.Adjournment

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 7:41 PM. Carried with a motion by Catherine Staunton and a second by Alan Samet.

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

Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Michael Hornyak, Board Secretary

Allison Friday, Board Recorder