



## Board of Education Regular Meeting

Monday, April 4, 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: Absent  
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 Representatives Jessica Flanagan, Katherine Robinson, and 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 21, 2022

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 21, 2022. Carried with a motion by Peter Nye and a second by Catherine Staunton.

Jason Adler: Abstain  
Erica Gelven: Yea  
Michael Hornyak: Absent  
Peter Nye: Yea  
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**

The student representatives reported on a variety of activities at each school. At Morgan, the process for electing the student government for next year has begun. Spring sports teams have started their seasons. Junior Portfolios will be presented on April 14. Students are studying for and receiving help preparing for Advanced Placement testing. The annual musical, *Little Shop of Horrors*, was very successful.

At Eliot, students celebrated Pi Day on March 14. They have also been learning about innovation and engineering principles by taking apart mechanical items. Pasta Night is May 12. Students in 6th and 7th grades participated in Nature's Classroom during the week of March 28. Students have participated in the Sandy Hook Promise "Say Something" program as well as fundraised over \$2,000 for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

Students at Joel participated in Backwards Day on April 1. Friends of Joel has been supporting virtual field trips. On April 11, Gizmo, the therapy dog, will be visiting Joel to support students and help them learn about mental health.

#### **6.Administrative Reports**

##### **A.Administrators, Program Directors and Teachers**

###### **1.NEASC Report**

Morgan Principal Keri Hagness and M. Famiglietti provided an overview of the Foundation Element ratings, key findings, and recommended next steps in each of the Priority Areas found in the New England Association of Schools & Colleges (NEASC) accreditation report. K. Hagness explained the process/timeline and expressed her pride in the areas of commendation noted by the NEASC team of evaluators. M. Famiglietti discussed areas of improvement and next steps including the ongoing codification of the curriculum, and growth in student intervention and personalized learning.

###### **2.General Update**

##### **B.Assistant Superintendent's Report**

###### **1.General Update**

A group of teachers and administrators are researching bilingual programs in other districts to help formulate a transitional bilingual program in the district next year.

Eliot's math teachers visited Wallingford schools to further their understanding of Illustrative Math. At Joel, Teacher on Special Assignment and Assistant Principal Rice visited Shelton Public Schools to review their literacy program. On April 14, the Morgan Junior Portfolio presentations will take place, as will professional development at the other two schools. Eliot teachers will work on department planning and Joel teachers will work on *The Science of Reading* and ELL teaching strategies.

##### **C.Business Manager's Report**

###### **1.Bills Payable**

There were no questions regarding bills payable.

## 2. General Update

C. Dickey noted that since bank statements needed for her quarterly report had not yet arrived, the report would be delivered to the Board at the first meeting in May. Building project RFPs are being processed. Her office is working on the IDEA grant.

## 7. Superintendent's Report

### A. Teacher Appreciation Resolution 2022

Teacher Appreciation week is May 2 through 6.

MOTION: In Recognition of National Teacher Appreciation Week 2022, the Clinton Board of Education adopts the following resolution: WHEREAS, May 2nd through May 6th has been designated as National Teacher Appreciation Week; WHEREAS, Intelligent, engaging, and compassionate educators are the prerequisites for a quality school community; WHEREAS, The success of our children and our schools depends on the system's ability to be innovative while remaining unwavering in the pursuit of excellence; WHEREAS, Empowering learners to embrace and influence the future with courage and compassion is a fundamental goal for all teachers; WHEREAS, Providing personalized learning opportunities for students to apply skills, extend knowledge, and become engaged and reflective learners is critical for preparing students to participate in an ever-changing global society; WHEREAS, Teachers have demonstrated their flexibility, adaptability, and commitment to their students under challenging circumstances; WHEREAS, Teachers are essential in developing a school community focused on establishing positive relationships and providing supports that foster the health and well-being of all; now, therefore, be it RESOLVED, That the Clinton Board of Education wishes to express their pride and appreciation in the high caliber educators that serve our school community, and to convey their gratitude to teachers for their passionate pursuit of excellence, ensuring that all children are engaged in a quality education. Carried with a motion by Jack Scherban and a second by Jason Adler.

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

Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

### B. General Update

The Morgan Guidance Department and the Clinton Human Services are collaborating on a job-shadow program. M. O'Donnell thanked Jill Paglino of Human Services and Morgan administrative assistant Karyn O'Beirn for their efforts in making this program a reality for over 100 students.

The Clinton Arts Council, the Clinton Human Rights Committee, and the Social Justice Club at Morgan are collaborating on a mural project to create several five-foot square panels that address Morgan student ideas and perspectives on human rights and social justice issues. The panels will be shared on social media.

The public hearing on the Board's budget is scheduled for the evening of April 6. After the hearing, the Town Council will meet to set the final budget for referendum.

## **8.Reports of Board of Education Subcommittees and Special Committees**

### **A.General Updates**

The Public Relations and Instruction subcommittees' minutes were attached to the agenda.

## **9.Review and Possible Approval of Foreign Exchange Students**

Discussion was held regarding compensation for housing the exchange students and for ensuring Morgan students were given priority for course selection.

MOTION: To approve the enrollment of two students at The Morgan School in the 2022-2023 school year as part of the AFS Intercultural Programs as allowable under Board policy 5118. Carried with a motion by Catherine Staunton and a second by Alan Samet.

Jason Adler: Yea  
Erica Gelven: Yea  
Michael Hornyak: Absent  
Peter Nye: Yea  
Alan Samet: Yea  
Jack Scherban: Yea  
Catherine Staunton: Yea  
Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

## **10.Review and Possible Approval of Revised 2022-2023 School Calendar**

MOTION: To approve the revised 2022-2023 calendar as presented. Carried with a motion by Jason Adler and a second by Alan Samet.

Jason Adler: Yea  
Erica Gelven: Yea  
Michael Hornyak: Absent  
Peter Nye: Yea  
Alan Samet: Yea  
Jack Scherban: Yea  
Catherine Staunton: Yea  
Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

## **11.Review and Possible Action re: Healthy Food Certification**

MOTION: Pursuant to C.G.S. Section 10-215f, the board of education or governing authority certifies that all food items offered for sale to students in the schools under its jurisdiction, and not exempted from the Connecticut Nutrition Standards published by the Connecticut State Department of Education, will comply with the Connecticut Nutrition Standards during the period of July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023. This certification shall include all food offered for sale to students separately from reimbursable meals at all times and from all sources, including but not limited to school stores, vending machines, school cafeterias, culinary programs, and any fundraising activities on school premises sponsored by the school or non-school organizations and groups. Carried with a motion by Jason Adler and a second by Catherine Staunton.

Jason Adler: Yea  
Erica Gelven: Yea  
Michael Hornyak: Absent  
Peter Nye: Yea  
Alan Samet: Yea  
Jack Scherban: Yea  
Catherine Staunton: Yea  
Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

## **12.Review and Possible Action re: Food & Beverage Exemptions**

MOTION: The board of education or governing authority will allow the sale to students of food items that do not meet the Connecticut Nutrition Standards and beverages not listed in Section 10-221q of the Connecticut General Statutes provided that the following conditions are met: 1) the sale is in connection with an event occurring after the end of the regular school day or on the weekend; 2) the sale is at the location of the event; and 3) the food and beverage items are not sold from a vending machine or school store. An "event" is an occurrence that involves more than just a regularly scheduled practice, meeting, or extracurricular activity. For example, soccer games, school plays, and interscholastic debates are events but soccer practices, play rehearsals, and debate team meetings are not. The "regular school day" is the period from midnight before to 30 minutes after the end of the official school day. "Location" means where the event is being held and must be the same place as the food and beverage sales. Carried with a motion by Catherine Staunton and a second by Jack Scherban.

Jason Adler: Yea  
Erica Gelven: Yea  
Michael Hornyak: Absent  
Peter Nye: Yea  
Alan Samet: Yea  
Jack Scherban: Yea  
Catherine Staunton: Yea  
Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

## **13.Review and Possible Action re: Non-Renewal of Non-Tenured Certified Staff**

It was emphasized that the non-renewal of contracts was related to a position being unavailable due to teachers returning from leave and had nothing to do with staff performance.

MOTION: To approve the non-renewal of employment for Maile Chaplar and Mark Mashaw in the 2022-2023 school year with thanks for their commitment to education. Carried with a motion by Jason Adler and a second by Catherine Staunton.

Jason Adler: Yea  
Erica Gelven: Yea  
Michael Hornyak: Absent  
Peter Nye: Yea  
Alan Samet: Yea  
Jack Scherban: Yea  
Catherine Staunton: Yea  
Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

**14. Personnel Information**

The Board was provided an update on personnel.

**15. Adjournment**

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 7:52 PM. Carried with a motion by Peter Nye and a second by Catherine Staunton.

Jason Adler: Yea  
Erica Gelven: Yea  
Michael Hornyak: Absent  
Peter Nye: Yea  
Alan Samet: Yea  
Jack Scherban: Yea  
Catherine Staunton: Yea  
Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

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Michael Hornyak, Board Secretary

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Allison Friday, Board Recorder