



Board of Education Regular Meeting

Monday, May 2, 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 Flangan, Katherine Robinson, and Abel Rodriguez.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

All stood for the pledge. Attendees were reminded that the meeting was being recorded.

2. Public participation/recognition

There was no public participation.

3. Minutes - Approval - Regular Meeting of April 4, 2022

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the regular meeting of April 4, 2022. Carried with a motion by Peter Nye 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

4. Communications

There were no communications.

5. Report of Student Representatives

The Student Representatives to the Board reported on events at each of the schools. The Morgan School's *Dodge for a Difference* raised over \$2,000 for families in need. Students are finding creative ways to thank teachers during Teacher Appreciation Week. Class nominations for student government are taking place in May as are senior and junior proms, field trips, sports night, spirit week, and spring sports.

At Jared Eliot School, Pasta Night will be held on May 12. Annie Jr. was a success. Field trips to Mystic and Holiday Hill will be taking place at the end of the month. Eighth grade elections are taking place as is Spirit Day on May 5. The Invention Convention was a success and students thanked E. Gelven for attending their presentations. The Social Justice Club is collecting supplies for students who are English language learners.

At Joel, Friends of Joel sponsored the *Husky Hop*. An end-of-year sing-along is taking place in May as is an ice cream social.

6. Administrative Reports

A. Administrators, Program Directors and Teachers

1. Middle School ASPIRE Presentation

Eliot Principal Kristin LaLima introduced Eliot teachers, Laura Pierandi and Emily Kelsey, and two student representatives, Jacquelyn Ciarleglio and Sophia Martin, provided the Board with an overview of the ASPIRE program at Eliot. The students shared their experiences and one of their culminating projects. The students were applauded for their work.

2. General Update

No report.

B. Assistant Superintendent's Report

1. General Update

M. Famiglietti noted that preliminary SAT scores have been received. Preliminary results indicate an increase in math performance for the fourth year in a row. In LAS Links, an English Language Learner (ELL) proficiency test, 20 out of 128 students districtwide tested well enough to exit the ELL program, although they will continue to receive services through the end of the school year.

Advance Placement testing is ongoing at the high school and Smarter Balanced testing for grades three through eight will take place for two weeks starting May 4. On May 12, teachers districtwide will participate in professional development. At the state level, an open review period for literacy curricula and programs has commenced and will lead to a list of state-endorsed programs by July 1, 2022. The district will look at implementing what the state recommends. On May 10, a representative/trainer from Goodwin University's *Ecamp* engineering program will provide operation and curriculum training on the new machinery at the high school. An open house is scheduled for June 7 which will showcase Morgan's new advanced manufacturing equipment. J. Adler followed up with a question regarding the literacy curriculum publishing dates.

C. Business Manager's Report

1. Bills Payable

There were no questions regarding bills payable. A suggestion was made to raise the threshold on a report that currently lists items over \$2,000.

2. Quarterly Expenditure & Revenue Reports

C. Dickey provided an overview of the Q3 summary expenditures and revenue. Questions followed regarding ECS funding levels and the process for handling gate receipts from athletic events.

3. Health Insurance Renewal Update

C. Dickey updated the Board regarding the increase in health insurance renewal rates through the CT State Partnership Plan. The increase is almost 5% higher than anticipated/budgeted. The account will likely show a negative balance next year, but C. Dickey expressed hope that savings from the current year combined with a decrease in the number of employees enrolled in the plan will offset the increase.

4. Food Service Financials Update

The Food Services Department's financials are doing well due to reimbursements and grants from the state. C. Dickey praised Food Services Director Jon Siciliano for his efforts this year. Her department will make a presentation to the Buildings & Grounds subcommittee regarding the carryover of funds. Currently proposed projects include creation of a new food service line and installation of a new sink at Eliot to remediate a minor building code violation.

5. General Update

Requests for proposals have been posted on the district website and in area newspapers for two building projects: lavatory sink replacement and playground fencing.

7. Superintendent's Report

A. 2022-23 Budget Update

The annual town meeting will be held on May 4 where the Board's 2022-23 budget is up for referendum. An overall increase of 1.73% in the Board of Education's Budget is being presented, which includes an increase of 1.89% to the Board's Operating budget. The mill rate increase for Clinton taxpayers would be zero.

B. Strategic Planning Timeline & Update

Strategic planning group input sessions with staff are ongoing. M. O'Donnell will be forwarding a three-question survey to Board members and parents to gather final input. Results will be presented to the Board in August. A parent forum on Strategic Planning will be held on May 24. In June, the Board of Education will hold a Special meeting on strategic planning.

C. General Update

End-of-year events are taking place as preparations are being made to close the schools for the summer. Teachers and staff are being celebrated during Teacher Appreciation Week, May 2 through May 6.

8. Reports of Board of Education Subcommittees and Special Committees

A. General Updates

Subcommittee meeting dates have been proposed for the rest of the school year.

9. First Reading of Policies

Several policies that had been reviewed by the Policy Subcommittee on April 4, 2022, were presented to the Board for a first reading. Board members were directed to address any questions or concerns to M. O'Donnell.

A.#1331 Prohibition Against Smoking

B.#4305 Alcohol, Tobacco and Drug-Free Workplace

C.#5113 Attendance, Truancy and Chronic Absenteeism

D.#5127 Drug and Alcohol Use by Students

E.#5129 Chemical Health for Student Athletes

F.#5164 Graduation Requirements

G.#9000 Role of Board and Members

H.#9010 Transaction of Business

I.#9120 Officers

J.#9121 Official Duties - Chairperson

K.#9123 Official Duties - Secretary

L.#9124 Removal of Board Officers

M.#9130 Committees

N.#9220 Oath of Office

O.#9250 Reimbursement of Board Members' Expenses

P.#9270 Code of Conduct for Board Members

Q.#9272 Conflict of Interest

R.#9311 Formulation, Adoption, Amendment of Policies

S.#9312 Formulation, Adoption, Amendment of Bylaws

T.#9313 Formulation, Adoption, Amendment of Administrative Regulations

U.#9314 Suspension of Policies, Bylaws and Regulations

V.#9321 Time, Place and Notification of Meetings

W.#9322 Public and Executive Session

X.#9323 Construction and Posting of the Agenda

Y.#9325 Meeting Conduct

Z.#9326 Minutes

AA.#9327 Quorum and Voting Procedures

10.IDEA Grant Authorization

MOTION: To authorize the submission of the IDEA grant as presented. Carried with a motion by Peter Nye 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

11.Review and Possible Approval of Foreign Exchange Student

Discussion was held for ensuring Morgan students were given priority for course selection.

MOTION: To approve the enrollment of a student at The Morgan School in the 2022-2023 school year as part of the ASSE-International Student Exchange Program as allowable under Board policy 5118. Carried with a motion by Alan Samet 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

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12.Review and Possible Action re: Leave of Absence Request

MOTION: To, in this instance, waive the March 1 deadline for unpaid leaves of absence, and approve an unpaid leave of absence for Anne Simonsen in the 2022-2023 school year. 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

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13. Personnel Information

The Board reviewed the personnel update.

14. Adjournment

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 8:11 PM. 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

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Michael Hornyak, Board Secretary

Allison Friday, Board Recorder