



## **Board of Education Regular Meeting**

Monday, June 5, 2023 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 and Business Manager Carolyn Dickey. They were joined by student representatives Abel Rodriguez, Caroline King, and Sean Davis. Attendees were reminded that the meeting was being recorded.

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

All stood for the pledge.

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

There was no public participation.

### **3. Minutes - Approval - Regular Meeting of May 15, 2023**

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the regular meeting of May 15, 2023. Carried with a motion by Michael Hornyak and a second by Jack Scherban.

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

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Abstain: 2

#### **4. Communications**

There were no communications.

#### **5. Report of Student Representatives**

A. Rodriguez reported on happenings at The Morgan School, including the Senior Prom which students enjoyed, Senior Awards night, Six Flags, and Field Day. Finals have begun. Rock band class performed, as did the concert band, and seniors are looking forward to graduation on June 12. Caroline King provided a report on activities at Jared Eliot School, including band and chorus concerts, a visit by therapy dogs, field day, an 8th grade trip to Holiday Hill, the kickoff of summer reading, and incoming 5th grade parents' night.

S. Davis gave a rundown of events and studies at Joel. Two recent events, field day and the ice cream social were very well-received. Kindergarten students are working on math problems and social skills and strategies. First graders are working on active listening. Second graders are practicing adding three-digit numbers, and grade four is working on poetry and the transition to Eliot.

The Board then thanked the representatives for their commitment and insight this year and for giving the school community a voice by visiting the schools and reporting back. M. O'Donnell noted that the representatives had raised the bar this year as evidenced by their investment in the process. The two seniors, A. Rodriguez and C. King, were presented with small tokens of appreciation for their work, passion, and advocacy.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

There were no questions regarding accounts payable.

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

C. Dickey reported on her office's end-of-year work including building projects, the audit, and bills payable. Discussion followed regarding end-of-year funds and when those numbers might become available. There was also discussion about talking to the Town Council to request monies from the non-lapsing fund for educationally sound and necessary items.

#### **7. Superintendent's Report**

##### **A. List of Potential Morgan 2023 Graduates**

M. O'Donnell shared the list of potential Morgan graduates for the 2023 school year with the Board.

**B.College Attendance & Acceptance Report**

M. O'Donnell provided a summary of the college acceptances and post-secondary plans for the Class of 2023.

**C.Strategic Plan Year 1 Progress Update**

M. O'Donnell presented the Strategic Plan Year 1 Summary Report, and discussed the priorities, accomplishments, and progress made to date.

**D.Safe Return to School Plan Update and Public Input/Comment**

The Superintendent provided an overview of the Safe Return to School Plan, highlighting the updates that had been made to incorporate the new protocols for managing health and safety as the threat from COVID-19 diminishes.

**E.General Update**

Graduation is scheduled for Monday, June 12. Board members were encouraged to attend.

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

**A.General Updates**

Subcommittee minutes were attached to the agenda for the Board's review. The next Public Relations subcommittee meeting is scheduled for June 19.

**9.Review and Possible Approval re: Eliot Walk-in Freezer**

The funds for the freezer project will come from the Food Services account, so no taxpayer money will be used.

MOTION: To approve an expenditure not to exceed \$30,000 from the Food Service account to upgrade the freezer storage in the Eliot kitchen. Carried with a motion by Michael Hornyak and a second by Catherine Staunton.

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

**10.Executive Session Anticipated for the Purpose of Discussion re: Terms of Employment Contract Adjustments**

MOTION: To enter into Executive Session at 7:43 PM and invite M. O'Donnell and C. Dickey for the purpose of discussion re: Terms of Employment contract adjustments. Carried with a motion by Michael Hornyak and a second by Jason Adler.

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

**11.Possible Action re: Terms of Employment Contract Adjustments**

The Board came out of Executive Session at 8:10 PM.

MOTION: To approve the adjustments to the Terms of Employment, as presented. Carried with a motion by Peter Nye and a second by Alan Samet.

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

MOTION: To approve a one-time salary compensation payment to the Food Service Director for additional work responsibilities completed in the 2022-2023 school year, as presented. Carried with a motion by Jason Adler and a second by Jack Scherban.

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

**12. Second Reading and Possible Approval of Policies**

MOTION: To adopt revised policy #5113 and new policy #5167 as presented. Carried with a motion by Peter Nye and a second by Jason Adler.

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

**A.#5113 Attendance, Truancy & Chronic Absenteeism**

**B.#5167 Meal Charging**

**13. Personnel Information**

**14. Adjournment**

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 8:22 PM. Carried with a motion by Michael Hornyak and a second by Peter Nye.

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

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Michael Hornyak, Board Secretary

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Allison Friday, Board Recorder