



## Board of Education Regular Meeting

Monday, June 20, 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: Absent  
Alan Samet: Present  
Jack Scherban: Present  
Catherine Staunton: Present

### 1. Opening Exercises

#### A. Roll call

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

#### B. Pledge of Allegiance

All participants stood and recited the pledge.

### 2. Public participation/recognition

### 3. Minutes - Approval - Special & Regular Meetings of June 6, 2022

MOTION: To approve the minutes of both the special and the regular meetings of June 6, 2022.  
Carried with a motion by Michael Hornyak and a second by Alan Samet.

Jason Adler: Abstain  
Erica Gelven: Yea  
Michael Hornyak: Yea  
Peter Nye: Absent  
Alan Samet: Yea  
Jack Scherban: Yea  
Catherine Staunton: Yea  
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1, Abstain: 1

#### **4.Communications**

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

The student representatives were not in attendance since the school year has ended.

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

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

###### **1.Morgan Student Support Center Program Overview**

Director of Special Services Kimberly Pearce and Morgan Principal Keri Hagness provided a progress update of Morgan's Student Support Center (SSC). The SSC was redesigned this year with dedicated clinicians developing skills and providing immediate therapeutic support. Seven seniors in the program graduated this year and there were several students who returned to Morgan for this program after being outpaced elsewhere. Student attendance markedly improved in those who have historically struggled with school refusal/avoidance. K. Hagness highlighted the relationships formed with students and families in the SSC and the trust given to the staff and school. Discussion included students served, program goals for next school year, post-secondary transition planning, support for families outside of school, and funding of the program.

###### **2.Spring and End-of-Year Athletics Report**

M. O'Donnell provided an overview of the spring season along with an end-of-year report that summarized student participation, community service activities, and individual and team awards.

###### **3.General Update**

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

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

M. Famiglietti reported that summer curriculum writing is underway in the areas of high school mathematics, English language arts and U.S. History, along with 7th and 8th grade English language arts. Consultant hours are considerably less since the high school program chairs have undergone training to facilitate this work. Last week, high school health and physical education teachers were trained as First Aid & CPR instructors, which will allow them to provide training to students that will lead to formal certification. The Summer SAIL program will host 73 students in grades K-4. Of those, 64 will be attending the YMCA in the afternoon.

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

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

There was a question regarding a large balloon payment for a contracted vendor and brief discussion occurred on contracted service providers in the district.

###### **2.End-of-Year Expenditure by Object Projection Update**

C. Dickey provided the projected end of year balance. At this time, it is estimated that the district will have approximately \$595,000 remaining. It was noted that this projection is subject to change as additional billing is received and should be firmed up in August. C. Dickey reminded the Board that per policy, a motion will be recommended in September to transfer between the broad object categories.

### **3.General Update**

C. Dickey reported that People's Bank, the manager of the Board's non-certified pensions, has been merged with M&T Bank. As of July 1, M&T Bank will be the new manager of the non-certified pension and C. Dickey will be coordinating a date in the fall for M&T representatives to introduce themselves to the Board. C. Dickey also noted that there is some food service equipment that is non-operational at the moment and a Buildings & Grounds Subcommittee meeting will likely need to be scheduled for further discussion and review before deciding on repairs versus replacement.

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

#### **A.Safe Return Plan Update & Input**

M. O'Donnell reported that the Safe Return Plan was shared with families along with a survey to provide input. One response was received that requested the district explore all avenues to continue providing free school meals to all students. The revised Safe Return Plan will be posted on the district website as required.

#### **B.Local School Wellness Policy Triennial Assessment Report**

M. O'Donnell reviewed the Local School Wellness Policy Triennial Assessment Report. The report formalizes the steps taken to assess the district's written policy and practice implementation and those results were reviewed by the Wellness Subcommittee. This formal report will be submitted to the state, posted on the district's website, and shared with all families as required.

#### **C.Special Education Stipend Grant**

The Special Education Stipend Grant is a competitive grant in the areas of special education activities and paraeducator professional development that has been submitted for consideration of funding. M. O'Donnell shared plans for use of the funds, which include PMT training, materials for Intensive Learning classrooms, equipment for Intensive Learning playgrounds, and additional Student Support Center iPads.

#### **D.General Update**

M. O'Donnell reported that she met with Town Manager Karl Kilduff along with Lynn Hidek and Miner Vincent from Families Helping Families (FHF) to discuss ways to provide summer meals to students. While the students participating in the Summer SAIL program will be provided meals in the afternoon at the YMCA through their grant funding, the district is not able to use funds from the Food Service accounts to provide meals for students participating in the Extended School Year program due to restrictions on the use of those funds. The Town Council was able to approve the application of ARPA funding for a percentage of students and FHF has agreed to donate funds to make up the difference and all students in ESY will be given free meals each day.

The Morgan Graduation ceremony was streamed online and there were a total of 363 unique viewers encompassing 20 states and 3 countries.

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

#### **A.General Updates**

There is a Policy Subcommittee scheduled for July 12 at 10:30 AM.

**9. Anticipated Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussion re: Negotiations and Contract Adjustments**

MOTION: To enter into executive session at 8:35 PM and invite Superintendent O'Donnell for the purpose of discussion regarding negotiations and contract adjustments. Carried with a motion by Michael Hornyak and a second by Alan Samet.

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

**10. Possible Action re: Employment Contracts for Non-Bargaining Unit Administrators & Directors**

The Board came out of Executive Session at 8:41 PM.

MOTION: To authorize a one-year extension to the current contract of the Assistant Superintendent, Business Manager, and the Director of Technology to include the years 2022-23, 2023-24, and 2024-25, with the health insurance cost share for 2022-23 at 22.0%. Carried with a motion by Jack Scherban and a second by Jason Adler.

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

MOTION: To authorize a one-year extension to the current contract of the Director of Buildings & Grounds to include the years 2022-23, 2023-24, and 2024-25, with the health insurance cost share for 2022-23 at 20.5%. Carried with a motion by Michael Hornyak and a second by Catherine Staunton.

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

**11. Personnel Information**

The personnel update was reviewed.

## 12.Adjournment

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 8:44 PM. Carried with a motion by Jason Adler and a second by Michael Hornyak.

Jason Adler:	Yea
Erica Gelven:	Yea
Michael Hornyak:	Yea
Peter Nye:	Absent
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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Cassie Cannamela, Board Recorder