



Board of Education Regular Meeting

Tuesday, September 6, 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: 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, and Student Representative Abel Rodriguez. 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 August 15, 2022 and Special Meeting of August 17, 2022

MOTION: To approve the minutes of both the regular meeting of August 15, 2022 and the special meeting of August 17, 2022. Withdrawn with a motion by Jack Scherban and a second by Alan Samet.

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the regular meeting of August 15, 2022. Carried with a motion by Peter Nye and a second by Jack Scherban.

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

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Abstain: 2

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the special meeting of August 17, 2022. Carried with a motion by Jack Scherban and a second by Jason Adler.

Jason Adler: Yea
Erica Gelven: Yea
Michael Hornyak: Abstain
Peter Nye: Abstain
Alan Samet: Yea
Jack Scherban: Yea
Catherine Staunton: Abstain
Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Abstain: 3

4. Communications

There were no communications.

5. Report of Student Representatives

Abel Rodriguez reported on activities at all schools during the first week of school. Morgan had a successful STEP program prior to school opening and there will be a pep rally on September 8. Eliot is gearing up for their annual activities, including a walk-a-thon and pasta night. Joel had a school 'pup' rally to continue building school spirit. Each of the schools is working on building unity and relationships within their schools.

The Board of Education student representative application was shared with students as they return to school to fill two vacancies: one for student representative to the Board for the Class of 2023 and one for the Class of 2024. Applications are due by Friday, September 16, and interviews will be scheduled once applications are reviewed. Board members should notify M. O'Donnell if they would like to serve on the interview committee.

6. Celebration of 2022 Tenure, Classified Employee of the Year and Teacher of the Year

Superintendent O'Donnell recognized the following teachers who have earned tenure. She stressed that more than simply meeting the requirements for the amount of time serving as a Clinton employee, each of these teachers has met the district's high standards for instruction and professionalism. She also expressed her excitement about having such talented educators with which to work.

at Joel:

- Melissa Corgan - Grade K
- Katrina Hicks - School Psychologist
- Laura McGuire - Grade 4

at Eliot:

- Tara Lawrie - Special Education
- Joan Pasay - Special Education
- Jaime Strunjo - Special Education
- Mariana Weinberger – Spanish

at Morgan:

- Elizabeth Criscuolo - Mathematics
- Rachel Lupone - Health
- Moheba Sayed - School Counselor
- Alexandra Patterson – Chemistry

M. Famiglietti shared that Wendy Irmscher was selected as this year's Classified Employee of the Year. Wendy serves as an Administrative Assistant at Joel School. M. Famiglietti presented Emily Kelsey, the district's 2022-23 Teacher of the Year, to the Board. The honor was first announced during convocation on August 24. Ms. Kelsey, who serves as the District's TAG Coordinator and as a Library Media Specialist at Eliot, spoke briefly and thanked the Board for their support.

7. Administrative Reports

A. Administrators, Program Directors and Teachers

1. General Update

B. Assistant Superintendent's Report

1. General Update

M. Famiglietti provided an update on curriculum instruction, new teacher orientation, and the Illustrative Math and new bilingual programs. The transitional bilingual classroom opened on September 6 and currently twenty-two students are receiving bilingual math and literacy help. J. Adler asked about regional solutions and other possibilities in the district. The structure of the program and need at other schools was discussed. Board members are invited to observe the new classroom once it is fully up and running.

C. Business Manager's Report

M. O'Donnell reported in C. Dickey's absence.

1. Bills Payable

P. Nye asked for clarification on the fencing at Joel and Eliot. M. Hornyak had a question regarding a vendor.

2. General Update

M. O'Donnell reported that the end-of-year grant reporting is complete and the fiscal year reporting has been closed. The auditors will return later in September. C. Dickey will provide the final numbers on the 2021-22 operating budget unexpended funds. An initial analysis of the 2023-24 budget is being conducted.

8. Superintendent's Report

A. Opening of the Year and Enrollment Update

M. O'Donnell provided an enrollment update for the first day of school. Enrollment is only slightly off from last year's projections. Enrollment snapshots will be provided to the Board until the final September 30, 2022, state enrollment count.

B. Transportation Routes Overview

M. O'Donnell provided a bus trip detail report to the Board and reviewed the overall routes and ridership. There are a couple of stops that are being adjusted. Discussion followed regarding aides, the number of actual riders at Morgan, and the final year of the contract with M & J Bus. The Superintendent praised M & J dispatcher Madelyn Kostek for her planning.

C. General Update

The Superintendent reiterated the efforts schools are making to build spirit, school community, and leadership.

9. Reports of Board of Education Subcommittees and Special Committees

A. General Updates

The subcommittee calendars are in process and will be published through February. October 13 is the date scheduled for the Board's retreat. Every effort will be made to schedule meetings on Mondays.

10. Discussion & Possible Action re: 2022-2023 Calendar and Fixed Graduation Date

MOTION: To set the Morgan graduation date as Monday, June 12, 2023. 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

11. Adoption of CPS Strategic Plan

The Superintendent presented the finalized Strategic Plan and asked for the Board's formal approval. She noted that the document was more user-friendly, and identified three layers of components in each section including the action steps which will become part of the year's work.

MOTION: To approve the Strategic Plan as presented. Carried with a motion by Jason Adler 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

12. Personnel Information

M. O'Donnell reviewed the personnel update with the Board. She praised M. Famiglietti for his work on finding an experienced teacher to fill a technology education vacancy and on building candidate pools. Work is ongoing to hire lunch/recess aides and Kindergarten paraeducators.

Discussion followed regarding the lack of qualified athletic trainers in the state and steps that are being taken to get coverage for games and practices.

13. Adjournment

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 8:03 PM. Carried with a motion by Peter Nye 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

Michael Hornyak, Board Secretary

Allison Friday, Board Recorder