



Board of Education Regular Meeting

Monday, September 19, 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, Business Manager Carolyn Dickey, and Student Representative to the Board Abel Rodriguez. Participants were reminded that the meeting was being videotaped. [Also, there were two incidents where power was lost during the meeting and the recording had to be restarted. No actions or discussions took place during those times.]

B. Pledge of Allegiance

All stood for the pledge.

2. Public participation/recognition

There was no public participation.

3. Minutes - Approval - Regular Meeting of September 6, 2022

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 6, 2022. 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

4. Communications

A request for advertisers in the Morgan Tower Yearbook was shared. The Board will sponsor a 1/4 page ad. Board members may donate money through E. Gelven if they are interested in participating.

5. Report of Student Representatives

Abel Rodriguez reported on activities at all schools. At Morgan, a pep rally was held on September 8. Students and faculty enjoyed the assembly with Recycled Percussion on September 15, and a club fair is scheduled for September 22. The Homecoming Game is set for October 7.

Eliot 7th graders enjoyed Camp Hazen on September 14 and 15. A new initiative, Husky Homebase, is being explored during every student's WIN period to help foster a sense of community in the school. Other fun events include "Start with a Hello", "Eliot Promise", and school bingo.

Community building continues to be one of the main drives at Joel. Students are learning what their class expectations are.

Interviews for student representatives to the Board take place on September 20 and the new representatives should be in attendance at the next Board meeting on October 3.

6. Administrative Reports

A. Administrators, Program Directors and Teachers

1. General Update

B. Assistant Superintendent's Report

1. State Summative Assessment Report

M. Famiglietti provided an overview of the results from the 2021-22 Smarter Balanced, Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS), Advanced Placement (AP) assessments, and the School Day SAT. The district participation rate exceeded 98.5%. These assessments are used in conjunction with NWEA MAP testing three times a year, the PSATs, and other measurements to evaluate learning progress and students' educational needs.

The variability of scores in the Smarter Balanced English Language Arts will be examined by administration and teachers. In grade 6 math, grade level standards will be reviewed to support our students. Additionally, M. Famiglietti broke out the results of non- and high-needs students to illustrate the disparity between the groups and to highlight the need for more differentiation in the classroom.

The decrease in the number of 11th graders who met benchmark on the NGSS assessment was explained in part as the result of pushing the test to the end of the school year. In 2023, the test will return to a date in March. Work will be undertaken with science teachers to close the gap. The pros and cons of taking tests using student Chromebooks was discussed.

M. Famiglietti displayed 3-year trending for the AP exams. Meetings have already taken place with department chairs regarding the results. One area of focus is in AP Calculus, and a review of Math sequence including Precalculus is being undertaken and a history of results has been examined to refocus the curriculum. Discussion followed regarding the pros and cons of requiring students to take the AP exams. In conclusion, M. Famiglietti concluded that student achievement in Clinton and across the state continues to be adversely affected by COVID-19, that high-needs students showed greater deficits than non-high-needs students, and that School Day SAT results show continued growth over the past four years. He explained how initiatives align with the district's Strategic Plan and how

the assessment results will be used to respond to student needs. More discussion followed regarding accommodations for high-needs students, the correlation between state testing and NWEA MAP, exposure to AP classes, options for making the AP exams more accessible, support for teachers and upcoming professional development.

2.General Update

C.Business Manager's Report

1.Bills Payable

There were no questions regarding accounts payable.

2.End of Year Transfers

C. Dickey reviewed the proposed transfers in the 2021-22 operating budget with the Board. She indicated an increase in expenses this year, especially in the areas of shipping, water, repairs, and electricity.

MOTION: That the Board of Education transfer, within the broad budgetary categories in the 2021-2022 operating budget, \$34,065 from Certified Salaries to Non-Certified Salaries; \$57,851 from Employee Benefits to Textbooks; \$17,300 from Employee Benefits to Supplies-Other; \$24,438 from Transportation to Public Utilities; \$16,631 from Transportation to Repairs and Maintenance, \$12,672 from Communications to Liability/Property Insurance; \$19,316 from Staff Development to Tuition; and \$699 from Fuel for Heat to Supplies-Instructional in accordance with Conn. Gen. Stat. 10-222 and Board policy 3100. Carried with a motion by Jack Scherban 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

3.General Update

The Business Office is working on final numbers for the 2021-22 year. The auditors are conducting their work.

7.Superintendent's Report

A.Enrollment Update

M. O'Donnell provided updated enrollment numbers. Enrollment is one student over the projections for the year. A final enrollment snapshot will be provided to the Board as of September 30, 2022, the state's enrollment snapshot date.

B.General Update

The Superintendent is working with the Athletic Director to secure an athletic trainer for practices and games. P. Nye expressed his desire to have the Board make this a priority.

The Town will hold a budget forecast meeting at 6 PM on September 29. Board members were encouraged to attend.

M. O'Donnell notified the Board of a recent water leak in the boys varsity locker room during heavy rain. Maintenance is looking into the leak and also into an odor issue with a dehumidifier wheel in the HVAC system.

8. Reports of Board of Education Subcommittees and Special Committees

A. General Updates

The Board received a copy of the tentative subcommittee dates through January 17, 2023.

9. Personnel Information

The Board was made aware of changes in personnel.

10. Adjournment

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 8:14 PM. 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

Michael Hornyak, Board Secretary

Allison Friday, Board Recorder