



## **Board of Education Regular Meeting**

Monday, October 17, 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, Business Manager Carolyn Dickey, and Student Representatives Sean Davis, Caroline King, and Abel Rodriguez.

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

All participants stood and recited the pledge.

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

### **3. Minutes - Approval**

#### **A. Regular Meeting of October 3, 2022**

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the regular meeting of October 3, 2022. Carried with a motion by Catherine Staunton 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

**B.Special Meeting of October 13, 2022 (5:30 PM)**

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the special meeting of October 13, 2022 (5:30 PM). 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

**C.Special Meeting of October 13, 2022 (8:00 PM)**

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the special meeting of October 13, 2022 (8:00 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

**4.Communications**

**5.Report of Student Representatives**

S. Davis reported that the Morgan homecoming football game and dance were a success. All students in grades 9-11 took the PSATs last week. Senior night for girls soccer was last week, while boys soccer, volleyball, and field hockey are coming up this week. C. King noted that seniors are in the midst of the college application process. On November 15, all seniors are applying to UConn together. There is an upcoming band concert on October 25, Spike Ball fundraiser on October 28 and Powder Puff game on October 29.

A. Rodriguez discussed Eliot's upcoming activities, including the annual Walk-a-Thon, Husky Homebase decoration contest, Friday spirit days, and a motivational speaker on October 28. He also reported on the major topics that students at Joel are learning about: grade K learned about fire safety with a visit from the Clinton Fire Department, grade 1 is participating in mystery science, grade 2 is learning about typography, grade 3 is studying climate and weather, and grade 4 is learning to write narrative stories.

## **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 a couple of questions about payments and discussion regarding health insurance payments and utility offsets from the solar panels ensued.

#### **2. Quarterly Expenditure & Revenue Reports**

C. Dickey reviewed the quarterly expenditure and revenue reports. She briefly reviewed the various types of revenue the districts receives and noted the due date for expenditures in several grants.

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

C. Dickey reported that an insurance claim has been submitted in relation to a lightning strike at Morgan that rendered six cameras and switches inoperable.

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

### **A. General Update**

M. O'Donnell reported that the LEARN 2023-24 regional calendar was approved last week and a first draft of the CPS calendar will be brought to the first meeting in November. M. O'Donnell also discussed two grant opportunities, one related to mental health staff and one related to HVAC improvements, that have impending submission deadlines. The requirements of the mental health grant make it difficult since the district already has grant-funded staff in place and after review with Director of Special Services Kim Pearce, she does not think this is a viable grant for the district to apply for. The HVAC grant is due December 1 and submission needs to include plans and drawings as well as commitment of full local funding. Because of the detailed requirements and tight deadline, she does not think it is possible to apply at this time and is hopeful another round of funding will be released. M. O'Donnell reported that Morgan was briefly evacuated last Friday morning due to some gas that was released in a science classroom. It was also noted that Athletic Director Meagan Sears will be sending an announcement to all student-athletes and their parents regarding the new Athletic Trainer that is beginning this week. The Town Council is holding a budget workshop on October 19 at 6PM in the Green Room.

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

Upcoming subcommittee meetings were noted and E. Gelven reminded the Board that subcommittee minutes were attached for their review.

## **A. General Updates**

### **9. Personnel Information**

The Board reviewed the personnel update and made a special note of Ray Smith's retirement at the end of this school year.

### **10. Adjournment**

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 7:39 PM. Carried with a motion by Peter Nye and a second by Michael Hornyak.

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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Cassie Cannamela, Board Recorder