



Board of Education Regular Meeting

October 19, 2020 7:00 PM
The Morgan School Cafeteria and via Zoom
71 Killingworth Turnpike
Clinton, CT 06413

Attendance Taken at: 7:00 PM

Present Board Members:

Erica Gelven
Jason Adler
Michael Hornyak
Christopher Passante
Kimberly Russo
Catherine Staunton

Absent Board Members:

Omar Francis

1. Opening Exercises

1.A. Roll call

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

1.B. Pledge of Allegiance

Discussion: All stood for the pledge.

2. Public participation/recognition

Discussion: None.

3. Minutes – Approval of Regular Meeting of October 5, 2020

Motion Passed: To approve the minutes from the regular meeting of October 5, 2020, passed with a motion by Kimberly Russo and a second by Jason Adler.

6 Yeas - 0 Nays

Erica Gelven	Yes
Jason Adler	Yes
Omar Francis	Absent
Michael Hornyak	Yes
Christopher Passante	Yes
Kimberly Russo	Yes
Catherine Staunton	Yes

4. Communications

Discussion: No report.

5. Report of Student Representatives

Discussion: No report but M. O'Donnell indicated that final selection of student representatives to the Board will be made shortly and the new representatives will be at the November 2 Board meeting.

6.A. Administrators, Program Directors and Teachers

6.A.1. General Update

Discussion: No report.

6.B. Assistant Superintendent's Report

6.B.1. General Update

Discussion: M. Famiglietti met with the technology education teachers at Eliot and Morgan to further efforts and increase awareness of advanced manufacturing opportunities in Clinton.

Professional development will be held on Thursday, October 22. Training will focus on socio/emotional learning strategies and technology tool proficiencies for teachers.

Universal assessments using NWEA MAP will take place this fall in grades three through eight.

6.C. Business Manager's Report

6.C.1. Bills Payable

Discussion: There were no questions regarding bills payable.

6.C.2. General Update

Discussion: C. Dickey presented quarterly reports to the Board in the categories of expenses and revenue. The expense report covered expenditures through October 14, and the revenue report covered food services, tuition, grants, and reimbursements through the end of September. Approximately \$69K was received as a reimbursement through e-Rate for the wiring projects and Eliot and Joel. That money will be sent to the Town.

Work with auditors is ongoing and preparations are being made for budget season 2021-22.

Discussion followed regarding the various processes, checks, and balances used to create the quarterly reports and to oversee the budget.

7. Superintendent's Report

7.A. Public Health Metrics and Decision-Making

Discussion: The Superintendent shared an update of trends in the Public Health tracking metrics utilized by school districts to determine learning models and share information on decision-making processes. She shared handouts from the state regarding leading/secondary indicators of COVID-19 infection levels as well as public health metrics for Middlesex County.

Earlier in the day, a positive case of COVID was handled at Joel School. Contact tracing was performed and all protocols were followed. Discussion followed regarding contact tracing procedures, notification of parents, and remote learning opportunities.

7.B. Coronavirus Relief Funds (CRF) Grant

Discussion: A copy of the CRF grant was included in the Board packet. \$114,411 from the CRF Grant and about \$200K from the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Grant have been awarded to Clinton. M. O'Donnell discussed disbursement/application of funds for various COVID-related expenses.

7.C. 2021-2022 School Year Calendar Discussion

Discussion: The Superintendent presented two options for the 2021-2022 school year calendar. The pros and cons of starting before and after Labor Day were discussed. She welcomed thoughts and opinions from Board members while encouraging a fixed graduation date and alignment to other districts' calendars. Costs and other consequences of starting in September will be reviewed by M. O'Donnell and presented to the Board.

7.D. General Update

Discussion: None.

8. Reports of Board of Education Subcommittees and Special Committees

8.A. General Updates

Discussion: The budget process is starting for the 2021-22 year.

9. Second Reading and Possible Adoption of Board of Education 2021 Regular Meeting Schedule

Motion Passed: To approve the Board of Education regular meeting schedule for 2021 as presented passed with a motion by Michael Hornyak and a second by Jason Adler.

6 Yeas - 0 Nays

Erica Gelven	Yes
Jason Adler	Yes
Omar Francis	Absent
Michael Hornyak	Yes
Christopher Passante	Yes
Kimberly Russo	Yes
Catherine Staunton	Yes

10. Personnel Information

Discussion: The Board welcomed new hires and thanked those employees leaving the district.

11. Adjournment

Motion Passed: To adjourn at 8:06 p.m. passed with a motion by Catherine Staunton and a second by Kimberly Russo.

6 Yeas - 0 Nays

Erica Gelven	Yes
Jason Adler	Yes
Omar Francis	Absent
Michael Hornyak	Yes
Christopher Passante	Yes
Kimberly Russo	Yes
Catherine Staunton	Yes

Michael Hornyak, Secretary of the Board

Allison Friday, Clerk of the Board