



Board of Education Regular Meeting

Monday, May 15, 2023 7:00 PM

Board Meeting Room
Administrative Offices
137 B Glenwood Road
Clinton, CT 06413

Attendance Taken at 7:00 PM.

Jason Adler:	Absent
Erica Gelven:	Present
Michael Hornyak:	Present
Peter Nye:	Present
Alan Samet:	Absent
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 Business Manager Carolyn Dickey. They were joined by student representatives Abel Rodriguez, Caroline King, and Sean Davis. Attendees were reminded that the meeting was being recorded.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

All stood for the pledge.

2. Public participation/recognition

Resident Karin Gosselink spoke again, as at a prior Board meeting, requesting the Board change its policy and allow out-of-district students to participate in extra-curricular activities at district schools. She spoke about the benefits for the district and students and noted that the CIAC and a number of area districts have changed their policies to allow participation.

3. Minutes - Approval - Regular Meeting of May 1, 2023

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the regular meeting of May 1, 2023. Carried with a motion by Peter Nye and a second by Catherine Staunton.

Jason Adler: Absent
Erica Gelven: Yea
Michael Hornyak: Yea
Peter Nye: Yea
Alan Samet: Absent
Jack Scherban: Yea
Catherine Staunton: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

4.Executive Session Anticipated for the Purpose of Discussion re: Appointment of a Public Employee (Finalist(s) for Administrative Vacancy)

MOTION: To enter into Executive Session at 7:05 PM and invite M. O'Donnell and M. Famiglietti for the purpose of discussion of the appointment of a public employee. Carried with a motion by Michael Hornyak and a second by Peter Nye.

Jason Adler: Absent
Erica Gelven: Yea
Michael Hornyak: Yea
Peter Nye: Yea
Alan Samet: Absent
Jack Scherban: Yea
Catherine Staunton: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

The Board returned to open session at 7:18 PM.

5.Possible Action re: Appointment of Administrative Staff - Principal of Joel School

MOTION: To appoint Teresa Gingrave as the Principal of Lewin G. Joel, Jr. Elementary School. Carried with a motion by Michael Hornyak and a second by Jack Scherban.

Jason Adler: Absent
Erica Gelven: Yea
Michael Hornyak: Yea
Peter Nye: Yea
Alan Samet: Absent
Jack Scherban: Yea
Catherine Staunton: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

After her appointment, Teresa Gingrave was welcomed and applauded by the Board. Ms. Gingrave spoke briefly about her excitement at joining the district and her desire to make a difference.

6.Communications

There were no communications.

7.Report of Student Representatives

A. Rodriguez reported on happenings at The Morgan School, including the Junior Prom on May 19, Senior Prom on May 26, the end of AP testing, charitable events, and athletics. Caroline King provided a report on activities at Jared Eliot School, upper and lower academy dodgeball competitions, Smarter Balanced testing on May 23 and 24, and an upcoming Boston field trip.

S. Davis gave a rundown of events and studies at Joel. The 3rd and 4th grade concert was very well-received. Third and fourth graders are taking the Smarter Balanced assessments, and fourth graders are learning about marine animals in preparation for Marine Science Day on May 25.

S. Davis was applauded for being elected next year's Senior Class President.

8.Administrative Reports

A.Administrators, Program Directors and Teachers

1.General Update

B.Assistant Superintendent's Report

1.General Update

M. Famiglietti reported on professional development at Joel and Eliot including Illustrative Math and Building Thinking Classrooms. Joel and Eliot are soft launching the EL (Expeditionary Learning) Education program and planning a full launch for the next school year. Response to the program has been positive. At Morgan, teachers have been focused on the Junior Portfolio and social-emotional learning. Smarter Balanced testing at Joel and Eliot will wrap up by May 19.

MOTION: To add the "Approval of Perkins Supplemental Grant" to the agenda as number 8.B.2. Carried with a motion by Peter Nye and a second by Catherine Staunton.

Jason Adler: Absent

Erica Gelven: Yea

Michael Hornyak: Yea

Peter Nye: Yea

Alan Samet: Absent

Jack Scherban: Yea

Catherine Staunton: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

2.Approval of Perkins Supplemental Grant

M. Famiglietti notified the Board that he would be submitting a supplemental Perkins grant application on May 16 that, if accepted, would support advanced manufacturing and dual credit technology education initiatives in the district. The grant would support initiatives already in place, including the purchase of two tabletop milling machines for The Morgan School. The Board must provide consent for the submission of the grant.

MOTION: To support the initiatives presented and authorize submission of the Perkins Supplemental Grant as described. Carried with a motion by Catherine Staunton and a second by Jack Scherban.

Jason Adler: Absent
Erica Gelven: Yea
Michael Hornyak: Yea
Peter Nye: Yea
Alan Samet: Absent
Jack Scherban: Yea
Catherine Staunton: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

C. Business Manager's Report

1. Bills Payable

Brief discussion occurred regarding contracts and bid pricing with office supply vendors.

2. Capital Extension Request

The district is requesting that the Town Council carry forward several capital project accounts into the 2023-24 fiscal year. These accounts, due to expire on June 30th, contain funds for planned projects, but they will not be finished by June 30th. The projects total approximately \$14,500 and include furniture replacement, PA system at Joel, and floor tile replacement at Eliot.

3. General Update

The business office is working on final billing and close out of purchase orders for the end of this fiscal year. Preparations for the new fiscal year rollover are being made now that the budget for next year has been approved.

9. Superintendent's Report

A. General Update

The formation of a cooperative football team between Westbrook, Old Saybrook and Clinton has been formally approved by the CIAC. The athletic directors from each district will be meeting to discuss cost sharing, transportation, and other details.

The Town and Board of Education budgets both passed at the recent referendum. The Superintendent expressed her gratitude for the support of the Town Council and the Town Manager as well as the PTA and Clinton community in general.

10. Reports of Board of Education Subcommittees and Special Committees

A. General Updates

E. Gelven reminded the Board of minutes from recent subcommittee meetings.

11. First Reading of Policies

The Board had a first reading of revised and new policies.

A.#5113 Attendance, Truancy & Chronic Absenteeism

B.#5167 Meal Charging

12.Executive Session Anticipated for the Purpose of Discussion re: Employment Terms for Nursing Services

MOTION: To enter into Executive Session at 7:45 PM and invite M. O'Donnell to discuss the employment contract for nursing services. Carried with a motion by Peter Nye and a second by Catherine Staunton.

Jason Adler: Absent
Erica Gelven: Yea
Michael Hornyak: Yea
Peter Nye: Yea
Alan Samet: Absent
Jack Scherban: Yea
Catherine Staunton: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

The Board returned to open session at 7:51 PM.

13.Possible Action re: Employment Terms for Nursing Services

MOTION: To allow the Superintendent to enter into an employment contract for nursing services as discussed. Carried with a motion by Catherine Staunton and a second by Michael Hornyak.

Jason Adler: Absent
Erica Gelven: Yea
Michael Hornyak: Yea
Peter Nye: Yea
Alan Samet: Absent
Jack Scherban: Yea
Catherine Staunton: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

14.Personnel Information

M. O'Donnell spoke briefly regarding the staffing for the Extended School Year (ESY) program.

15.Adjournment

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 7:54 PM. Carried with a motion by Catherine Staunton and a second by Peter Nye.

Jason Adler: Absent
Erica Gelven: Yea
Michael Hornyak: Yea
Peter Nye: Yea
Alan Samet: Absent
Jack Scherban: Yea
Catherine Staunton: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

Michael Hornyak, Board Secretary

Allison Friday, Board Recorder