



Board of Education Regular Meeting

June 7, 2021 7:00 PM
Board Meeting Room
Administrative Offices
137-B Glenwood Road
Clinton, CT 06413

Attendance Taken at: 7:06 PM

Present Board Members

Erica Gelven, Chairperson
Michael Hornyak, Secretary
Peter Nye
Christopher Passante – arrived at 8:29 PM
Kimberly Russo
Catherine Staunton

Absent Board Members

Jason Adler

1. Opening Exercises

1.A. Roll call

Discussion: Also in attendance were Superintendent Maryann O'Donnell, Assistant Superintendent Marco Famiglietti, Business Manager Carolyn Dickey, and student representatives Emma Lindsay and Aiden Maurais. Presenters included Athletic Director Lew Pappariella.

1.B. Pledge of Allegiance

Discussion: All stood for the pledge.

2. Public participation/recognition

Discussion: None.

3. Minutes – Approval – Regular Meeting of May 17, 2021

Motion Passed: To approve the minutes of the regular meeting of May 17, 2021, passed with a motion by Peter Nye and a second by Catherine Staunton.

4 Yeas – 0 Nays – 1 Abstention

Erica Gelven	Yes
Michael Hornyak	Yes
Jason Adler	Absent
Peter Nye	Yes
Christopher Passante	Absent
Kimberly Russo	Abstain
Catherine Staunton	Yes

4. Communications

Discussion: None

5. Report of Student Representatives

Discussion: The student representatives shared each school's events and successes with the Board. At Morgan, final exams are taking place and the summer reading program has been posted. Details of the upcoming awards assemblies and spirit days were shared. Board members were urged to read the *PawPrint*.

At Eliot, the 8th grade promotion will take place on June 14 and 8th graders will have the opportunity to participate in the summer STEP program at Morgan this August. At Joel, details of the spirit days were shared. E. Gelven, Board of Education Chairperson, thanked the student representatives for serving this past year and for their insight and hard work.

6. Spring Sports Update

Discussion:

Athletic Director Lew Pappariella presented an overview of the spring sports season. Coaches and captains were also in attendance to provide additional highlights of their season. Athletes and coaches were thankful for the opportunity to have a spring season despite the pandemic. Many of this year's teams were young but showed great drive and determination while also being inclusive and supportive of their teammates. Bill Lindsay, the Morgan Girls lacrosse coach, was highlighted as the Shoreline Coach of the Year. 1st Team All-Shoreline athletes were Joe Morse, Lindsay Narracci, Jason Cohen, Carley Schmidt, Tim Lichack, and Seamus Staunton. Special kudos were given to Joe Morse, Jason Cohen and Seamus Staunton for also achieving the status of Shoreline Scholar-Athletes with GPAs above 3.5. 2nd Team All-Shoreline athletes were Brooke Carlisle, Garrett Garbinski, Caeley Ayer, Glenda Zhiminaicela, Logan Pernal, Alex Wolf, Ben McDonnell, and Emma Lindsay. E. Gelven, Board of Education Chairperson, thanked the athletes for their talent and hard work, and thanked the community, coaches, and parents for their care and commitment.

Administrative Reports

7.A. Administrators, Program Directors and Teachers

7.A.1. General Update

Discussion: No report.

7.B. Assistant Superintendent's Report

7.B.1. General Update

Discussion: M. Famiglietti shared details of the CT State Department of Education's (CSDE) Civil Rights Compliance review of The Morgan School which took place on June 2, 2021. On June 22, a facility review will take place after which a full report will be published and shared with the Board. The district was one of six Connecticut districts chosen at random by the CSDE for the review as part of their desk-audit procedure.

The Assistant Superintendent meets with interventionists this week to prepare for the summer and the 2021-22 school year. Discussion followed regarding the summer program registrations and staffing.

7.C. Business Manager's Report

7.C.1. Bills Payable

Discussion: No discussion.

7.C.2. Capital Extension Request

Discussion: The district is requesting that the Town Council carry forward several capital project accounts into the 2021-22 fiscal year. The accounts are due to expire on June 30, but contain funds for planned projects that will not be finished by then. The projects include furniture replacement, classroom door refurbishment, electric upgrades, lavatory/sink upgrades, and the waterpipe replacement at Eliot.

7.C.3. Award of Bid for Replacement of Eliot Shingle Roof

Discussion: As part of the district's roof replacement cycle, a small section of the roof at Eliot that is shingled is slated for replacement and has established funding through the capital improvement plan. BMP Construction Inc. submitted the lowest qualified bid in the amount of \$40,016.13 and is recommended to be awarded the bid for the replacement of the shingle roof at Eliot School.

Motion Passed: To award the bid for replacement of the shingle roof at Eliot in the amount of \$40,016.13 to BMP Construction, Inc., passed with a motion by Peter Nye and a second by Mike Hornyak.

5 Yeas – 0 Nays

Erica Gelven	Yes
Michael Hornyak	Yes
Jason Adler	Absent
Peter Nye	Yes
Christopher Passante	Absent
Kimberly Russo	Yes
Catherine Staunton	Yes

7.C.4. General Update

Discussion: End-of-year processes continue as does the process of converting to the new fiscal year.

8. Superintendent's Report

8.A. College Attendance and Acceptance Report

Discussion: M. O'Donnell summarized the college acceptance and attendance plans for the Class of 2021. Over 80% of graduates plan on attending a 2- or 4-year college. An additional 10% plan on entering the job market. The remainder have plans for the military, other schools, or career education.

8.B. HVAC Planning Update

Discussion: As part of planning for use of the ARP (American Rescue Plan) ESSER (Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief) funding, the Superintendent will expend \$13,190 to contract with Colliers to develop an overall assessment of HVAC systems to aid in

the planning for system upgrades at Joel and Eliot schools with the goal of maximizing the funds to meet state ventilation standards. Colliers is being selected due to several factors including their ability to conduct the work quickly within our timeline, and their existing knowledge of our HVAC systems.

C. Passante arrived at 8:29 PM.

8.C. Update on ARP ESSER and Requirements for Public Input and Comment

Discussion: On June 3rd, an update was sent to parents and staff to share the initial planning for use of the ARP ESSER funds and gather input on the priority areas of funding. The update also included the Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan for 2021-22 and an opportunity to provide public comment on the plan as required for ARP ESSER funding. Discussion followed regarding mask wearing in schools which is currently mandated by the State. The Superintendent reviewed the public input with the Board that have been received so far. To date, the top two areas for grant funding consideration selected by the public are learning acceleration and staff/student social/emotional health. Once more feedback is received, a final determination will be made where to expend the funds. Discussion followed regarding remote options for the next school year.

8.D. School Security Grant Update and Possible Application

Discussion: The Superintendent shared information on a potential application for a school security/safety grant and discussed the areas under consideration for funding: comprehensive emergency communication services and security software. If approved for the grant, the district could be reimbursed 44% of the cost.

Motion Passed: To approve the Superintendent to apply for the School Security Grant for reimbursement of eligible projects in the amount of \$67,738, passed with a motion by Catherine Staunton and a second by Chris Passante.

6 Yeas – 0 Nays

Erica Gelven	Yes
Michael Hornyak	Yes
Jason Adler	Absent
Peter Nye	Yes
Christopher Passante	Yes
Kimberly Russo	Yes
Catherine Staunton	Yes

8.E. Award of Bid for Athletic Training Services

Discussion: M. O'Donnell reviewed the bid process and responses to the district's request for proposals for athletic training services in the 2021-22 school year.

Motion Passed: To award the bid for athletic training services to Physical Therapy and Sports Medicine Centers passed with a motion by Peter Nye and a second by Catherine Staunton.

5 Yeas – 1 Abstain - 0 Nays

Erica Gelven	Yes
Michael Hornyak	Yes
Jason Adler	Absent
Peter Nye	Yes
Christopher Passante	Abstain
Kimberly Russo	Yes
Catherine Staunton	Yes

8.F. General Update

Discussion: The Superintendent shared end-of-year planning including senior awards and graduation, and invited Board members to attend the Eliot promotion and Morgan graduation ceremonies.

M. O'Donnell suggested having a conversation regarding possibly upgrading the technology for videotaping Board meetings. She also discussed the cooling plans in place at Eliot and Joel for hot summer days.

9. Reports of Board of Education Subcommittees and Special Committees

9.A. General Updates

Discussion: Minutes from the May 24 Budget/Finance Subcommittee were included in the Board packet as were the May 25 Buildings and Grounds Subcommittee Minutes. Dates are being firmed up for Budget/Finance and Wellness subcommittees to meet the week of June 14. Discussion followed regarding a pick up/drop off solution at Eliot proposed by the Chief of Police which would require funding by the Town Council

10. List of Potential Morgan 2021 Graduates

A list of Morgan students who may be eligible to graduate this year was shared with the Board. Graduation is scheduled for Wednesday, June 16.

11. Personnel Information

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

12. Adjournment

Discussion: None.

Motion Passed: To adjourn at 9:20 p.m. passed with a motion by Mike Hornyak and a second by Catherine Staunton.

6 Yeas – 0 Nays

Erica Gelven	Yes
Michael Hornyak	Yes
Jason Adler	Absent
Peter Nye	Yes
Christopher Passante	Yes
Kimberly Russo	Yes
Catherine Staunton	Yes

Michael Hornyak, Secretary of the Board

Allison Friday, Clerk of the Board