



Board of Education Regular Meeting

June 21, 2021 7:00 PM
Board Meeting Room
Administrative Offices
137-B Glenwood Road
Clinton, CT 06413

Attendance Taken at: 7:10 PM

Present Board Members

Erica Gelven, Chairperson
Michael Hornyak, Secretary
Peter Nye
Christopher Passante
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, and Business Manager Carolyn Dickey.

1.B. Pledge of Allegiance

Discussion: All stood for the pledge.

2. Public Participation/Recognition

2.A. Public Comment re: ARP ESSER Grant Funding Priorities & Safe Return to Schools Plan

Discussion: None.

2.B. General Public Comment

Discussion: None.

3. Minutes

3.A. Amendment – Regular Meeting of May 17, 2021

Motion Passed: To amend the minutes of the regular meeting of May 17, 2021, passed with a motion by Mike Hornyak and a second by Peter Nye.

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

3.B. Approval – Regular Meeting of June 7, 2021

Motion Passed: To approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 7, 2021, passed with a motion by Peter Nye and a second by Mike Hornyak.

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

4. Communications

Discussion: None

5. Executive Session Anticipated for Discussion of Appointment of a Public Employee (Finalist(s) for Administrative Vacancy)

Motion Passed: To enter into Executive Session and invite Superintendent O'Donnell and Assistant Superintendent Famiglietti for the purpose of discussion of the appointment of a public employee, passed with a motion by Kimberly Russo 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

The Board entered into Executive Session at 7:13 PM.
The Board came out of Executive Session at 7:34 PM.

6. Appointment of Administrative Staff - Principal at Eliot

Motion Passed: To appoint Kristin LaLima as the Principal of The Jared Eliot Middle School, 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

Discussion: The Board welcomed Kristin LaLima to the District.

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. Curriculum Writing Update

Discussion: M. Famiglietti provided details of this year's curriculum writing project which involves work on literacy at Joel and Eliot, Social Studies at Eliot, and Humanities, Literacy Support, and Math at Morgan. The Humanities curriculum is being revised to embed non-Western perspectives. The project follows a similar format to last year's model. M. Famiglietti thanked the Board for its continuing support of the curriculum updating work.

7.B.2. General Update

Discussion: M. Famiglietti announced that the district had received a second Perkins Supplemental Grant in the amount of \$49K. The grant, combined with last year's Perkins Supplemental Grant for \$44K, provides access to the types of equipment and software experience that advanced manufacturing plants in Connecticut look for in job applicants. The district will be pursuing a partnership with Goodwin University to allow students enrolled in Morgan engineering courses to receive dual credits, Morgan and Goodwin University. Questions followed regarding quality checking and programming.

The summer SAIL program is preparing for its July 6 start date. Approximately 80 students are registered for the district's portion of the program. Of the 80 students, 60 will also be attending the afternoon YMCA program. Questions followed regarding transportation, air conditioning, meals, and staff-to-student ratios. The Board thanked M. Famiglietti for spearheading the project.

7.C. Business Manager's Report

7.C.1. Bills Payable

Discussion: No discussion.

7.C.2. General Update

Discussion: End-of-year processes continue as do the processes of converting to the new fiscal year and receiving the auditors in July.

8. Superintendent's Report

8.A. ARP ESSER Funding Priorities Update & Review of Public Input

Discussion: M. O'Donnell summarized the public input that was received regarding the priority areas for ARP ESSER grant funding. The top two areas selected by the public for grant funding

are 'Learning Acceleration' and 'Staff/Student Social/emotional Health'. While the majority of the grant money will be spent on these two areas, 'Building Safe and Healthy Schools' and 'Family and Community Connections' will also receive funding under this grant to re-engage families, and improve HVAC and technology. Administration will continue to refine the grant for submission in August.

8.B. Safe Return to Schools Plan Update & Review of Public Input

Discussion: Public input regarding the Safe Return to School Plan was reviewed with the Board by M. O'Donnell. The plan will be posted by June 23rd. Discussion followed regarding vaccines, school celebration, and mitigation strategies. The Department of Public Health anticipates more guidance from the CDC by mid-July.

8.C. General Update

Discussion: Two applications under the School Security Grant Plan have been submitted. One addresses infrastructure and the other addresses multimedia. Some previously purchased items are allowed to be included in the grant for reimbursement. A safety checklist was updated and submitted with the grant.

The administrative retreat is being scheduled and agenda and focus areas are being finalized.

9. Reports of Board of Education Subcommittees and Special Committees

9.A. General Updates

Discussion: Minutes from the June 17 Budget/Finance Subcommittee were included in the Board packet as were the June 17 Wellness Subcommittee minutes. Dates are being firmed up for other subcommittees.

10. Personnel Information

10.A. Anticipated Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussion re: Negotiations and Contract Adjustments

Motion Passed: To enter into Executive Session and invite Superintendent O'Donnell for the purpose of discussion regarding negotiations and contract adjustments, passed with a motion by Mike Hornyak 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

The Board entered into Executive Session at 8:06 PM.
The Board came out of Executive Session at 8:19 PM.

10.B. Ratification of Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Clinton Board of Education and Local 506, Municipal Employees' Union Independent (Secretaries) for the Period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024

Discussion: Staffing needs were discussed.

Motion Passed: To approve the agreement between the Clinton Board of Education and Local 506, Municipal Employees' Union Independent (Administrative Assistants) for the period of July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2024, as presented, passed with a motion by Mike Hornyak and a second by Peter Nye.

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

10.C. Approval of 2021-22 & 2022-23 Terms of Employment Contract

Motion Passed: To approve the Terms of Employment contract for the period of July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2023, as presented, passed with a motion by Peter Nye and a second by Kimberly Russo.

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

10.D. Recall of Certified Staff

Discussion: At the April 5th meeting, Ms. Pamela Guidi was non-renewed due to a reduction in force. Due to an internal transfer, there is a vacancy in grade 5 which Ms. Guidi is qualified for and can be formally recalled to a teaching position.

Motion Passed: To recall Pam Guidi to a teaching position for the 2021-2022 school year, passed with a motion by Peter Nye 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

12. Adjournment

Discussion: None.

Motion Passed: To adjourn at 8:24 PM passed with a motion by Peter Nye 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

Michael Hornyak, Secretary of the Board

Allison Friday, Clerk of the Board