



Board of Education Regular Meeting

Tuesday, September 5, 2023 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:	Absent
Alan Samet:	Present
Jack Scherban:	Present
Catherine Staunton:	Present

1. Opening Exercises

A. Roll call

Also in attendance were Superintendent Maryann O'Donnell, Assistant Superintendent Marco Famiglietti, Business Manager Carolyn Dickey, Student Representative Sean Davis, and Recording Secretary Allison Friday. The Board Chair reminded everyone that the meeting was being recorded.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

All stood for the pledge.

2. Public participation/recognition

There was no public participation.

3. Minutes - Approval - Regular Meeting of August 21, 2023

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the regular meeting of August 21, 2023. Carried with a motion by Michael Hornyak and a second by Alan Samet.

Jason Adler:	Abstain
Erica Gelven:	Yea
Michael Hornyak:	Yea
Peter Nye:	Absent
Alan Samet:	Yea
Jack Scherban:	Yea
Catherine Staunton:	Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1, Abstain: 1

4. Communications

There were no communications.

5. Report of Student Representatives

Student Representative S. Davis was welcomed back. Applications for the student representative vacancies have been shared and it is hopeful the new representatives will be seated for the October Board meeting.

S. Davis described his role as a student representative. He also reported on happenings at Morgan over the summer and during the first week of school. The STEP freshman program had a huge turnout and was very successful. Morgan's 'Pink Out' was also successful, and photos and videos of the event have been posted. S. Davis described a few of the changes this year at Morgan including the new schedule, the new E-Hall Pass system, and the addition of a climate committee. There was a brief discussion on the subject of E-Hall Pass.

6. Celebration of 2023 Tenure, Classified Employee of the Year and Teacher of the Year

M. Famiglietti led the celebration of this year's Teacher of the Year, Whitney Madura, who spoke briefly about what motivates and inspires her. The Board and M. O'Donnell recognized her and applauded her for her accomplishments.

Paraeducator Shelby Auletta, this year's Classified Employee of the Year, was also recognized and celebrated by the Board.

The names of newly tenured staff, Rachel Coffee, Kristin LaLima, Julien Milcent, Lauren Mosca, Evgeniya Seferi, and Abby Ruth Terreri, were shared with the Board. Congratulations on the achievement were extended by the Board.

7. Administrative Reports

A. Administrators, Program Directors and Teachers

1. General Update

B. Assistant Superintendent's Report

1. K-8 State Assessment Report

M. Famiglietti shared the results of two 2022-23 state summative assessments: the Smarter Balanced Assessments (SBA), and the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS). He noted that the results are used in conjunction with other assessments throughout the year to inform instructional decision making. He added that new curricula have been put in place, and described what steps are being taken to improve assessment scores.

2. General Update

C. Business Manager's Report

1. Bills Payable

There were a few questions regarding bills payable, including food services, electricity, and medical payments.

2. End of Year Transfers

C. Dickey reviewed the 2022-23 line items proposed for end-of-the-year transfers, specifically savings in the area of certified staff to offset other accounts.

MOTION: That the Board of Education transfer, within the broad budgetary categories in the 2022-2023 operating budget, \$273,858 from Certified Salaries to Professional/Technical Services; \$49,839 from Certified Salaries to Supplies-Other; \$111,197 from Benefits to Public Utilities; \$94,475 from Tuition to Repairs and Maintenance; \$1,401 from Tuition to Communications; \$6,000 from Tuition to Advertising and Printing; \$26,554 from Transportation to Supplies-Instructional; \$2,099 from Transportation to Fuel for Heat; in accordance with Conn. Gen. Stat. 10-222 and Board policy 3100. Carried with a motion by Jack Scherban and a second by Catherine Staunton.

Jason Adler:	Yea
Erica Gelven:	Yea
Michael Hornyak:	Yea
Peter Nye:	Absent
Alan Samet:	Yea
Jack Scherban:	Yea
Catherine Staunton:	Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

3. General Update

C. Dickey's office continues to work with the auditors and on budgeting for SY 2023-24.

8. Superintendent's Report

A. Opening of the Year and Enrollment Update

M. O'Donnell provided the Board with an update on enrollment as of August 30, 2023. Enrollment numbers show 26 more students than projected for the current school year.

B. General Update

M. O'Donnell noted that bus routes are running well. Classroom environments are being monitored in regard to the current heat wave.

9. Reports of Board of Education Subcommittees and Special Committees

A. General Updates

A draft proposal for the year's Board of Education subcommittee meetings was discussed. The Board retreat and other subcommittee meetings are being scheduled.

10. Executive Session Anticipated for the Purpose of Discussion re: Attorney-Client Privilege Memorandum

MOTION: To enter into Executive Session at 8:11 PM and invite Attorney Julia Wilde and Superintendent Maryann O'Donnell for the purpose of discussion of an attorney-client privileged

memorandum. Carried with a motion by Michael Hornyak and a second by Jason Adler.

Jason Adler: Yea
Erica Gelven: Yea
Michael Hornyak: Yea
Peter Nye: Absent
Alan Samet: Yea
Jack Scherban: Yea
Catherine Staunton: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Open Session resumed at 8:54 PM.

11. Personnel Information

M. O'Donnell provided the Board with an update on personnel.

12. Adjournment

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 8:59 PM. Carried with a motion by Michael Hornyak and a second by Jason Adler.

Jason Adler: Yea
Erica Gelven: Yea
Michael Hornyak: Yea
Peter Nye: Absent
Alan Samet: Yea
Jack Scherban: Yea
Catherine Staunton: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Michael Hornyak, Board Secretary

Allison Friday, Board Recorder