



Board of Education Regular Meeting

Tuesday, September 7, 2021 7:00 PM

via Zoom Teleconference

Attendance Taken at 7:00 PM.

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

1. Opening Exercises

A. Roll call

Also in attendance were Superintendent Maryann O'Donnell, Assistant Superintendent Marco Famiglietti, Business Manager Carolyn Dickey, and Student Representative Jessica Flanagan.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

All stood for the pledge.

2. Public participation/recognition

There was no public participation.

3. Minutes - Approval

A. Regular Meeting of August 16, 2021

MOTION: To approve the minutes from the regular meeting of August 16, 2021. Carried with a motion by Kimberly Russo and a second by Jason Adler.

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

Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

B.Special Meeting of August 19, 2021

MOTION: To approve the minutes from the special meeting of August 19, 2021. Carried with a motion by Kimberly Russo and a second by Christopher Passante.

Catherine Staunton: Yea
Christopher Passante: Yea
Erica Gelven: Yea
Jason Adler: Yea
Kimberly Russo: Yea
Michael Hornyak: Absent
Peter Nye: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

4.Communications

There were no communications.

5.Report of Student Representatives

J. Flanagan reported on the opening days of school in the district. M. O'Donnell noted that student representatives to the Board, one from the senior class and one from the junior class, are being sought to fill this year's vacancies.

6.Celebration of 2021 Tenure, Classified Employee of the Year and Teacher of the Year

The following certified staff were celebrated for earning tenure in the district: Eric Carroll, Victoria Fox, Alexandria Holmes, Tracy Lorenzo, Lewis Pappariella, and Kimberly Pearce. More than simply meeting the requirements for the amount of time serving as a Clinton Employee, each of these teachers/administrators met the district's high standards for instruction and leadership.

Michele Locke, the Kitchen Manager at Eliot, was recognized as the Classified Employee of the Year. She was praised for providing a fundamental need of district students with dedication and hard work. Clinton Public Schools Teacher of the Year, Maureen Tranquilli, who serves as a School Social Worker at Morgan, was recognized for her years of devotion to the social/emotional needs of students.

7.Administrative Reports

A.Administrators, Program Directors and Teachers

1.General Update

B.Assistant Superintendent's Report

1.State Summative Assessment Report

M. Famiglietti provided an overview of the results from the 2020-21 Smart Balanced, Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS), SAT, and Advanced Placement (AP) assessments. District participation was excellent. He stated that there was a direct positive correlation between in-school instruction and assessment achievement. Clinton was defined as a hybrid district, having both in-person and remote learning throughout the 2020-21 school year. M. Famiglietti cautioned comparison among districts due to the number of variables due to last year's pandemic. Third grade and eighth math and reading results were relative strengths compared to other grade levels.

62% of 11th graders met benchmark on the NGSS assessment. This was consistent with prior years results. M. Famiglietti attributed this in part to the use of interim assessments which familiarized students with the test beforehand.

M. Famiglietti stated he was proud of the Connecticut School Day SAT scores with a large percentage of students meeting or exceeding benchmarks. AP results showed significant declines in most areas except for Computer Science and Physics, although comparison is difficult because students were not required to take the AP exams in 2020-21.

He credited students, teachers, and families for working together during a difficult time last year. The assessment results will be used to provide students with extra help from the literacy, math, and ELL staff. Universal screens (NWEA Map Testing) will begin on September 13. Discussion followed regarding a request for PSAT/SAT results from prior years, the good job Clinton is doing to support its students, AP results use by colleges, ensuring student access to college-level classes, and math program sequencing.

2. General Update

Teachers participated in convocation and professional development on August 25, 26, and 27 which focused on accelerated learning.

C. Business Manager's Report

1. Bills Payable

There was no discussion regarding bills payable.

2. End of Year Transfers

C. Dickey recommended the Board approve transfers within the 2020-21 operating budget in accordance with Conn. Gen. Stat. 10-222 and BOE Policy 3100 entitled Board Budget Procedures and Line Item Transfers.

MOTION: That the Board of Education transfer, within the broad budgetary categories in the 2020-2021 operating budget, \$6,664 from Certified Salaries to Non-Certified Salaries, \$49,851 from Transportation to Tuition, and \$32,636 from Transportation to Supplies-Other in accordance with Conn. Gen. Stat. 10-222 and Board policy 3100. Carried with a motion by Kimberly Russo and a second by Catherine Staunton.

Catherine Staunton:	Yea
Christopher Passante:	Yea
Erica Gelven:	Yea
Jason Adler:	Yea
Kimberly Russo:	Yea
Michael Hornyak:	Absent
Peter Nye:	Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1	

3. General Update

C. Dickey reported on the district's award of a childcare stabilization grant for \$46,656. Administrators have earmarked the funds for an early childhood playground at the Joel School.

Paperwork has been submitted to the state for reimbursement for the Eliot and Joel school roofs.

8. Superintendent's Report

A. Opening of the Year and Enrollment Update

M. O'Donnell provided a report on school opening and student enrollment. Actual enrollment was 4 fewer students than the projected enrollment in the budget book. Updated enrollment numbers will be provided at the September 20 Board meeting,

B. Review & Possible Approval of Camera Installation in BOE Meeting Room

After review by the Superintendent and Director of Technology, it is recommended that the Board approve upgrading the equipment in the current BOE room as outlined in the attachments.

MOTION: To approve the purchase and installation of video recording technology equipment in the BOE meeting room as presented. Carried with a motion by Peter Nye and a second by Jason Adler.

Catherine Staunton: Yea
Christopher Passante: Yea
Erica Gelven: Yea
Jason Adler: Yea
Kimberly Russo: Yea
Michael Hornyak: Absent
Peter Nye: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

C. Vaccination Process / Executive Order 13D Update

The Superintendent outlined the steps being taken to comply with the Governor's Executive Order 13D which requires COVID-19 vaccination for all employees and contractors working in or for the Clinton Public Schools by September 27, 2021. According to a recent survey of CPS staff, approximately 94% are vaccinated. Documentation of staff vaccinations will be collected by the deadline. The Superintendent expressed concern regarding the mandate and impact on bus driver vaccinations, especially given the national shortage of bus drivers.

D. General Update

The Superintendent shared information on a new behavioral assessment pilot program, Dessa. More information will be provided as the year progresses. The Town Council will be meeting to discuss budget projections. Transportation and bus driver availability is an ongoing concern, especially as it relates to athletics transportation. Options are being explored to deal with storage for furniture removed from classrooms in response to the pandemic.

9. Reports of Board of Education Subcommittees and Special Committees

The Board was provided with a list of potential meeting dates for subcommittees and meetings will be set with each subcommittee chairperson to set goals for this year's work.

A.General Updates

10.Second Reading and Possible Approval of Policy: Health & Safety Protocols Related to the COVID-19 Pandemic (#2400)

Discussion regarding the policy was focused on the generality of the language and the legal references.

MOTION: To adopt policy #2400 as presented. Carried with a motion by Kimberly Russo and a second by Catherine Staunton.

Catherine Staunton: Yea
Christopher Passante: Yea
Erica Gelven: Yea
Jason Adler: Yea
Kimberly Russo: Yea
Michael Hornyak: Absent
Peter Nye: Nay
Yea: 5, Nay: 1, Absent: 1

11.Personnel Information

The Board reviewed the personnel update.

12.Adjournment

MOTION: To adjourn at 8:50 p.m. Carried with a motion by Peter Nye and a second by Jason Adler.

Catherine Staunton: Yea
Christopher Passante: Yea
Erica Gelven: Yea
Jason Adler: Yea
Kimberly Russo: Yea
Michael Hornyak: Absent
Peter Nye: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Michael Hornyak, Board Secretary

Allison Friday, Board Recorder