



Board of Education Regular Meeting

Monday, September 18, 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:	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 Board Recorder Allison Friday.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

All stood for the pledge.

2. Public participation/recognition

There was no public participation.

3. Minutes - Approval - Regular Meeting of September 5, 2023

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 5, 2023. Carried with a motion by Michael Hornyak and a second by Catherine Staunton.

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

Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

4.Communications

There were no communications.

5.Report of Student Representatives

S. Davis reported on happenings and upcoming events at The Morgan School. Fall sports have started. Morgan's open house was held on September 14. Student government interest is at an all-time high and students are still adjusting to the new schedule and e-hall pass system. Jared Eliot's open house is scheduled for September 19.

6.Administrative Reports

A.Administrators, Program Directors and Teachers

1.General Update

B.Assistant Superintendent's Report

1.High School State Assessment Report

M. Famiglietti provided an overview of the state assessments for grades 9 through 12. He talked about the purpose of the assessments, growth over time, improvements in math and English language arts, and reviewing professional development activities at Morgan to further enhance scores. The advanced placement pass rate trend was discussed as were dual enrollment classes. Performance on School Day SAT continues to surpass state averages, but high-needs students continue to lag behind their non-high-needs classmates, participation rates in dual enrollment courses continues to rise, and the total Advanced Placement pass rates increased by 10% compared to 2022. Of special note was that curriculum revision in precalculus and calculus contributed to a 56% increase in the AP Calculus Pass Rate.

There was discussion regarding high-needs students, SAT testing, and the Board's position regarding state assessments. Discussion will continue in Instruction Subcommittee meetings.

2.General Update

C.Business Manager's Report

1.Bills Payable

There were no questions regarding bills payable.

2.General Update

C. Dickey reported that state reporting is completed and that the audit will continue into September and October, then her office will start focusing on the 2024-25 budget. Student activity accounts have been moved into SunGard. Discussion followed regarding the final figure for funds being returned to the town.

7.Superintendent's Report

A.Enrollment Update

M. O'Donnell provided an enrollment update as of September 13, 2023. Clinton has 30 students over the projected rate for 2023-24. Recent state legislation that affects the age at which

students may enter Kindergarten will adjust the Pre-kindergarten and Kindergarten projections going forward.

B.General Update

Discussion occurred regarding the current year's budget and line items that are being carefully monitored.

8.Reports of Board of Education Subcommittees and Special Committees

A.General Updates

Subcommittees are up and running. The Board retreat will be held in October.

9.Discussion and Possible Action re: 2023-2024 Calendar and Fixed Graduation Date

MOTION: To set the Morgan graduation date as Monday, June 10, 2023. Carried with a motion by Peter Nye and a second by Jack Scherban.

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

10.Personnel Information

A personnel update was provided by M. O'Donnell.

11.Adjournment

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 7:59 PM. 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: Yea
Jack Scherban: Yea
Catherine Staunton: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Michael Hornyak, Board Secretary

Allison Friday, Board Recorder