

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Clinton Central School District, Oneida County, New York, held on May 9, 2023.

Present:

(Board)

Ms. Melinda Leising, President
Dr. Luke Perry Vice-president
Dr. Lyndsey Bauer
Mr. Sam Catterson
Ms. Lisa Magnarelli
Ms. Erica Shaw

(Administration)

Mr. Christopher Clancy, Superintendent
Mr. Joseph Barretta, Assistant Superintendent for Business
Dr. Matthew Lee, High School Principal
Mr. Shaun Carney, Middle School Principal
Ms. Ellen Leuthauser, Elementary Principal
Ms. Debora Van Slyke, Director of Curriculum and Instruction
Ms. Elizabeth Dougherty, Director of Pupil Personnel Services
Ms. Amie Johnson, High School Asst. Principal

Julia A. Scranton, District Clerk

Absent: Mr. Kevin Magdon, Board Member

Four candidates, Sam Catterson, Rachael Clark, Patrick LaVeck and Jeremy Dawes, running for three at-large seats on the Board of Education, were given the opportunity to introduce themselves to the community, and to answer questions regarding their unique backgrounds, motivation for running, points of pride, perceived role of the Board member, current issues, and vision for the District. Attending public were given the opportunity to ask questions. Thank you to members of the League of Women Voters who voluntarily moderated the event, and to theater manager Keith DeStefanis for all of his assistance.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Leising called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. READING OF THE MISSION STATEMENT

Ms. Leising read the mission statement.

4. BUDGET HEARING

Mr. Christopher Clancy, Superintendent, reviewed the lengthy process by which the budget is developed beginning in the fall of the previous year allowing ample time for collaboration with administrators, and critically, with the advisory Finance Committee of the Board. Cost saving mechanisms through cooperative purchasing and services with other organizations have helped the District to remain fiscally responsible to taxpayers. The District is reimbursed at a high rate for a large portion of services shared through local BOCES.

He was happy to report that all programs and extra-curricular offerings will be maintained. The cost of some additional support staff and an increase in funding for career and technical programs are included in the budget. Expenditure highlights include 1:1 Technology Devices for students to insure

equity, additional Communication Services, equipment replacement, and summer maintenance projects. The overall budget will increase by 3.28%, or \$976,203, largely due to contractual obligations, benefit costs and bus purchases. This increase represents a tax levy increase of 2.17% which is the tax cap.

Mr. Joseph Barretta, Assistant Superintendent for Business, explained the requirement for the expenditure budget to be broken down into three categories: Program (75.86%), Administrative (10.69%), and Capital (13.45%). Foundation and expense based aid saw an increase of 4.10%. The use of \$550,000 of unrestricted fund balance, and other allowable reserves balances the budget of \$30,777,153 which taxpayers will be asked to approve on May 16th. Additionally, voters will be asked to approve a library tax which is not part of the District budget. However, the school serves as the collection mechanism for the Kirkland Town Library.

Also on the ballot, will be four candidates running for three at-large vacancies. They are Sam Catterson, Rachael Clark, Patrick LaVeck, Jr., and Jeremy Dawes. The vote will take place from noon to 8:00pm in the Theater Lobby.

Mr. Clancy answered questions from the public about initiatives moving the District toward a greener economy. He clarified that bus purchasing is now part of the budget requiring no borrowing of funds, and that the library tax increase is 2%.

5. INFORMATION-REPORTS-PROPOSAL/SUPERINTENDENT & STAFF

A. Superintendent's Report

Olympics of the Visual Arts

High School art teachers Mindy Pavone and Angelo Gaetano displayed photos of student art work submitted in the Olympics of the Visual Arts competition held in Saratoga Springs. Students attending, from all three buildings, spoke about their entries and displayed their projects, many of which won awards in a number of categories. Congratulations students and teachers for representing the District so well. Mr. Gaetano thanked the Superintendent for attending the day-long event and for supporting students.

Winter Athletics

Director of Athletics, Health and Wellness Eddie Waskiewicz presented statistics for the eleven winter teams, many moving on to sectional play. Boys and Girls Indoor Track achieved D-1 Championship status, while the Girls Ice Hockey Team were NYSPHSAA Regional Champions.

Six teams also were designated as Scholar Athlete Teams, with 75% of the roster earning a GPA of 90 or higher. Teams include Girls Basketball, Girls and Boys Indoor Track, Girls Ice Hockey, Girls Volleyball, and Boys Basketball. Congratulations!

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Clancy reported that students in grades 4 through 8 successfully completed NYS computer based testing. Third grade students will transition to that format next year.

He, along with other area Superintendent's, met with Education Commissioner Betty Rosa in Albany. Topics discussed included APPR improvements, restorative practices related to student discipline, and teacher shortages. He was happy to see that the work occurring at that administrative level was aligned with District needs.

Mr. Clancy enjoyed attending the Middle School Poetry Slam where thirteen students read their work, inspired by visiting poet Phil Kane, in front of a panel of judges. He was impressed with the humor, depth and sensitivity evident in their poetry.

He congratulated OVA participants and winter athletes for their achievements.

6. STANDING RESOLUTIONS (CONSENT AGENDA)

A motion was made by Ms. Magnarelli, seconded by Ms. Shaw, and carried (6, 0) to combine items 6A through 6D.

A motion was made by Ms. Magnarelli, seconded by Dr. Bauer, and carried (6, 0) to approve items 6A through 6D.

A. Agenda and Any Additions to the Agenda for May 9, 2023

B. Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on April 25, 2023

C. Committee on Preschool Special Education (CPSE) and Committee on Special Education (CSE) Report:

Initial Review	0
Program Review	5
Annual Review	19
Reevaluation (Triennial)	1
Administrative Transfer	0
Preschool	10
New Referral	1
504 Review	8
504 Referral	0
Amendment with No Meeting Held	1

D. Updated List of Substitute and Supervisory Personnel

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

No one wished to speak.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. Policy: First Reading (No action necessary)

1. BE IT RESOLVED that draft policy #4327, Homebound Instruction, be adopted.

2. BE IT RESOLVED that draft policy #5710, School Safety and Educational Climate (SSEC) reporting, be adopted.

Dr. Bauer reported that these policies required only minor language changes.

B. BE IT RESOLVED that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, in accordance with Board Policy #6150, the attached 2022-2023 line item budget transfers be approved.

Description	Account Code	Increase	Decrease	Reason
State Aid Hardware	A2630.220.00	\$7,000		To purchase Ti-84 Calculators for the High School
HS Textbooks	A.2110.481.05		\$7,000	
State Aid Hardware	A2630.220.00	\$10,000		To purchase new computers for Technology classrooms
HS Textbooks	A2110.481.05		\$10,000	
Special Education Contractual	A2250.400.00	\$60,000		To pay for an increase in cost of Developmental Therapy Associates
Special Education Tuition	A2250.472.00		\$30,000	
Special Education Non-instructional Salary	A2250.160.00		\$30,000	

It was clarified that the calculators to be purchased are replacements for devices in poor condition.

A motion was made by Mr. Catterson, seconded by Dr. Bauer, and carried (6, 0) to approve the following resolution:

- C. BE IT RESOLVED that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the extension of the agreement between the Clinton Central School District and H. R. Beebe, Inc., to provide construction management services in connection with the \$ 18,045,000 Capital Project 2023, be approved.

9. OTHER

A motion was made by Dr. Bauer, seconded by Ms. Shaw, and carried (6, 0) to approve the following resolution:

- A. BE IT RESOLVED that the proposed Board Meeting Calendar for 2023-2024 be approved.

A motion was made by Ms. Magnarelli, seconded by Mr. Catterson, and carried (6, 0) to approve the following resolution:

- B. Whereas, Clinton Central School's teachers are responsible for shaping the hearts and minds of our students; and

Whereas, CCS teachers spend countless hours preparing lessons and evaluating student progress; and

Whereas, CCS teachers go above and beyond expectations to fill many roles such as coach, mentor, supervisor, and role model; and

Whereas, our community recognizes and supports its teachers in educating the children of our community.

Therefore, be it resolved that the Clinton Central School District Board of Education declares May 8 - May 12, 2023 as Teacher Appreciation Week; and

Be it further resolved that the CCS Board of Education encourages all members of our community to join with it in personally expressing appreciation to our teachers for their dedication and devotion to their work.

Ms. Shaw revealed that faculty members will be receiving treats from the Board of Education within the next day or two in appreciation of their service..

10. PERSONNEL

A motion was made by Ms. Shaw, seconded by Ms. Magnarelli, and carried (6, 0) to approve the following resolution:

- A. BE IT RESOLVED that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Tech Prep Team Leader stipend of \$500 for Ryan O'Rourke, Technology Teacher, be approved.

NOTE: The District received a grant of \$900 from OHM BOCES to fund this program, \$500 of which is designated for the Team Leader stipend.

A motion was made by Dr. Bauer, seconded by Ms. Magnarelli and carried (6, 0) to approve the following resolution:

- B. BE IT RESOLVED that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the unpaid family care leave for Alexis Kemp, school social worker, beginning on or about November 8, 2023 through January 26, 2024, in accordance with the current CTA agreement, be approved.

10. QUESTIONS BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Mr. Barretta clarified that, in order to help enforce the law regarding the passing of stopped school buses, all CCS buses will be equipped with camera arms by September. Violators will be reported to the Kirkland Police.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION AND ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ms. Magnarelli, seconded by Dr. Bauer, and carried (6, 0) to go into executive session to discuss the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person(s) or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation. The time was 8:17pm.

A motion was made by Ms. Shaw, seconded by Dr. Bauer, and carried (6, 0) to return to regular session. The time was 10:23pm.

A motion was made by Ms. Shaw, seconded by Dr. Perry, and carried (6, 0) to adjourn the meeting. The time was 10:23pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Julia A. Scranton
District Clerk