

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Clinton Central School District, Oneida County, New York, held on April 25, 2023.

Present:

(Board)

(Administration)

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

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. Elizabeth Dougherty, Director of Pupil Personnel Services
Ms. Debora Van Slyke, Director of Curriculum and Instruction
Ms. Amie Johnson, High School Asst. Principal

Julia A. Scranton, District Clerk

1. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Leising called the meeting to order at 5:32pm.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. READING OF THE MISSION STATEMENT

Ms. Leising read the mission statement.

1. INFORMATION-REPORTS-PROPOSAL/SUPERINTENDENT & STAFF

A. Superintendent’s Report

Mr. Clancy presented a timeline regarding state communications and rulings about the use of names, mascots and imagery with ties to indigenous people, including the warrior name. The Board is required to adopt a resolution by the end of this school year committing to the name change, and must complete the task within two years. It was suggested by the state that the cost of resulting renovations be tied into Capital Projects, which CCS will likely pursue. A process is forthcoming.

Mr. Clancy, along with other regional educators, attended a summit addressing the State of our Children’s Health. Panelists included medical professionals and professors whose work centers around this topic. He presented a list of notable points to consider when dealing with student stress and anxiety.

Mr. Clancy and other area Superintendents will be visiting with NYSED Commissioner Betty Rosa on Wednesday and will share knowledge gained upon his return. Thank you Senator Griffo for coordinating this meeting.

Wednesday is Administrative Professionals Day, a chance to recognize the amazing staff members we work with every day. On Thursday, Mr. Clancy will be traveling to Saratoga to experience the Olympics of the Visual Arts Competition, a first for him.

He reminded attendees that the Budget Hearing will take place on May 9 in the theater, a change from previous years, preceded by the Meet the Candidates Forum at 5:30pm. The Budget Vote is on May 16 from noon to 8:00pm in the Theater lobby.

Administrators Reports

Elementary Principal Ellen Leuthauser shared that fourth graders celebrated their study of colonial times with games, food, and period costumes. Computer based NY State testing for grades 4 & 5 is in process, while grade 3 will transition from paper to computer based next year. A very small number of students have opted out, with an unusual last minute surge among fifth graders. The reason is being researched.

Elementary students are benefitting from a weekly program where Hamilton College students serve as reading buddies. A large number of grade 3-6 students are participating in field hockey intramurals under the supervision of teacher Amy Randall.

Kudos to Kindergarten parents who, at a moments notice, helped a student who has been hospitalized to celebrate his birthday at school with lovely gifts. We are touched by your kindness.

Middle School Principal Dr. Shaun Carney reported that eighth grade students have been given the opportunity to apply for the Daniel Barden MudFest Scholarship. Chosen students are eligible to participate in an eight day leadership experience in the Adirondacks.

The Positivity Warriors' recent Activity Night was attended by about 40 students who enjoyed games, food, canvas painting, karaoke, comradery and warm weather.

Dr. Carney, joined by Dr. Matthew Lee, High School Principal, then shared information about the OHM BOCES P-Tech, Mi-Tech, New Visions, CTE programs and the Regional Program for Excellence, offering students a variety of pathways with which to pursue a number of careers. Students are regularly informed about opportunities beginning in 6th grade and guided through the process by counselors at CCS and BOCES as well as professionals working in these fields. Students attend open houses and tours, participate in admission interviews, and are offered job shadowing opportunities of up to 75 hours, depending on the program. P-Tech students, upon completion of the courses, earn an Associate's Degree.

Dr. Lee also shared that students Alison Wratten and Alicia Amuso, two active and accomplished students, will address Rotary Club members as part of the Outstanding Educators Program. They will also have a voice in selecting the Clinton Outstanding Teacher of the Year.

Ninth grade student Sarah Butcher was awarded Honorable Mention in the NAACP Youth Poet Laureate competition in a ceremony held at the Munson Museum during which she presented her work. Congratulations!

One hundred music students enjoyed a trip to NYC where they toured the sights and experienced the Broadway Musical, *Some Like It Hot*. Thank you to Ms. Conklin, Mr. Lavender, Mr. DeStefanis and Mrs. Wratten for arranging this opportunity for students.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

No one wished to speak.

6. STANDING RESOLUTIONS (CONSENT AGENDA)

A motion was made by Ms. Magnarelli, seconded by Dr. Perry, and carried (7, 0) to combine items 6A through 6I.

A motion was made by Ms. Shaw, seconded by Dr. Bauer, and carried (7, 0) to approve items 6A through 6I.

- A. Agenda and Any Additions to the Agenda for April 25, 2023
- B. Minutes from the Special Meeting held on April 18, 2023
- C. Summary Treasurer’s Report for March 2023
- D. Treasurer’s Report for March 2023
- E. Executive Summary for March 2023
- F. Revenues/expenditures by Month
- G. Extra-classroom Treasurer’s Report for March 2023
- H. Committee on Preschool Special Education and Committee on Special Education (CSE) Report:

Initial Review	0
Program Review	2
Annual Review	9
Reevaluation (Triennial)	1
Administrative Transfer	0
Preschool	0
504 Review	12
504 Referral	4
Amendment w/o Meeting Held	3

- I. Updated List of Substitute and Supervisory Personnel

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Liaisons

1. CCSD Foundation

Mr. Clancy reported that the CCSD Foundation Annual Golf Tournament will occur on July 10. Registration fees can now be paid on the CCS website Foundation page using PayPal. The Foundation expressed interest in again supporting the summer school program and expanding it to include K-5. This year, the program will include project based learning in addition to

addressing learning deficits. A Foundation Committee has been formed to develop a motto for the CCSD Foundation.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Dr. Perry, seconded by Mr. Magdon, and carried (7, 0) to approve the following resolution:

- A. WHEREAS, the Oneida-Herkimer-Madison BOCES tentative administration budget is adopted by public resolution; and

WHEREAS, copies of the tentative administration, capital and program budgets were received on March 27, 2023 and an information meeting was presented on April 5, 2023;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the tentative administrative budget of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services, Sole Supervisory District of Oneida, Herkimer and Madison Counties, in the amount of \$4,132,815.50 for 2023-2024.

A motion was made by Ms. Magnarelli, seconded by Ms. Shaw, and carried (7, 0) to approve the following resolution:

- B. WHEREAS, the election of Cooperative Board members is to occur by resolution; and

WHEREAS, notification was received on March 27, 2023 of the slate of candidates, and an information meeting was presented on April 5, 2023;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that, the Board of Education casts its vote(s) in the annual election of members for a three year term to the Board of Cooperative Educational Services, Sole Supervisory District of Oneida, Herkimer and Madison Counties, for the persons indicated on the ballot.

- 1. Mrs. Michelle Anderson (Oriskany)
- 2. Mr. Steven Boucher (Remsen)
- 3. Mr. Anthony Nicotera (Sauquoit)
- 4. Mr. John Salerno (Whitesboro)

A motion was made by Dr. Bauer, seconded by Dr. Perry, and carried (7, 0) to approve the following resolution:

C. RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF EDUCATION

**COOPERATIVE PURCHASING
SCHOOL YEAR 2023-2024**

WHEREAS, the Cooperative Purchasing Service is a plan of a number of public school districts in the Delaware-Chenango-Madison-Otsego BOCES Area in New York, to bid jointly equipment, supplies and contract items, and

WHEREAS, Clinton Central School named below is desirous of participating with other districts in the Delaware-Chenango-Madison-Otsego BOCES in the joint bidding of the items mentioned above as authorized by General Municipal Law, Section 119-o, and

WHEREAS, Clinton Central School wishes to appoint the Delaware-Chenango-Madison-Otsego BOCES to advertise for bid, accept, tabulate bids and award bids on their behalf, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Clinton Central School hereby appoints the Delaware-Chenango-Madison-Otsego BOCES to represent it in all matters relating above, and designates the Evening Sun as the legal publication for all Cooperative Purchasing bid notifications, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of Clinton Central School Authorizes the Delaware-Chenango-Madison-Otsego BOCES to represent it in all matters leading up to the entering into a contract for the purchase of the above mentioned commodities, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Clinton Central School agrees to (1) assume its equitable share of the costs of the Cooperative Bidding; (2) abide by majority decisions of the participating districts; (3) abide by the Award of the BOCES Board; (4) and that after the award of the bid it will conduct all negotiations directly with the successful bidder(s).

A motion was made by Ms. Magnarelli seconded by Mr. Catterson, and carried (7, 0) to approve the following resolution:

D. RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF EDUCATION

**GENERIC
SCHOOL YEAR 2023-2024**

WHEREAS, it is a plan of a number of public school districts in the Delaware-Chenango-Madison-Otsego BOCES Area in New York, to bid jointly equipment, supplies and contract items, and

WHEREAS, Clinton Central School is desirous of participating with other districts in the Delaware-Chenango-Madison-Otsego BOCES Area in the joint bidding of the items mentioned above as authorized by General Municipal Law, Section 119-o, and

WHEREAS, Clinton Central School wishes to appoint a committee made up of participating schools to assume the responsibility for drafting of specifications, advertising for bids, accepting and opening bids, tabulating bids and providing the information to their Board of Education who will make the awards; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Central School listed below hereby appoints the Delaware-Chenango-Madison-Otsego BOCES to represent it in all matters relating above, and designates the Evening Sun as the legal publication for all Cooperative Purchasing bid notifications and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Clinton Central School authorizes the above committee to represent it in all matters leading up to the entering into a contract for the purchase of the above mentioned items, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of Clinton Central School agrees to (1) abide by majority decisions of the participating districts on quality standards; (2) that it will award contracts based on information provided from the bid; (3) and that after the award of the bid it will conduct all negotiations directly with the successful bidder(s).

A motion was made by Dr. Perry, seconded by Ms. Magnarelli, and carried (7, 0) to approve the following resolution:

E. **BE IT RESOLVED** that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the District Reserve Plan for the 2023-2024 school year be approved.

A motion was made by Dr. Bauer, seconded by Ms. Magnarelli, and carried (7, 0) to approve the following resolution:

F. **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
Refund of Real Property Taxes	A1964.400.00	\$14,000		To pay for the tax certiorari agreement with Skenandoa
Operations Contractual	A1620.400.00		\$14,000	
Legal	A1420.400.00	\$35,000.00		To pay for additional legal expenses
Operations Contractual	A2250.160.00		\$35,000.00	
Transportation Gas/Fuel	A5510.451.00	\$50,000.00		Increase in fuel cost
Health Insurance			\$25,000.00	
Social Security			\$25,000.00	

A motion was made by Mr. Magdon, seconded by Ms. Shaw, and carried (7, 0) to approve the following resolution:

G. RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING TAX CERTIORARI RESERVE FUND

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Clinton Central School District, pursuant to Section 3651 of the Education Law, as follows:

1. The Board hereby establishes a reserve fund to be known as the Tax Certiorari Reserve Fund.
2. The source of funds for such Reserve Fund shall be such amounts as may be provided therefor by budgetary appropriation or such revenues as are not required by law to be paid into any other fund or account.
2. Monies in such Reserve Fund may be appropriated only for the payment of judgments and claims in tax certiorari proceedings in accordance with Article Seven of the Real Property Tax

Law or for other purposes as may be permitted by applicable law; any monies deposited to such Reserve Fund which are not expended for the payment of judgments or claims arising out of such tax certiorari proceedings for the tax roll in the year such monies are deposited to the said fund and/or which will not reasonably be required to pay any such judgment or claim shall be

returned to the general fund on or before the first day of the fourth fiscal year following the deposit of such monies to said reserve fund; such monies shall be deemed reasonably required to pay any such judgment or claim if the proceeding or claim has not been finally determined or otherwise terminated or disposed of after the exhaustion of all appeals.

4. The Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to deposit and invest the monies of such Reserve Fund in accordance with Sections 10 and 11 of the General Municipal Law and other applicable law and as provided by section 3651 of the Education Law. Any interest earned or capital gains realized on the money so deposited or so invested shall accrue to and become a part of each such fund. A separate account to be kept of each fund established. Such account shall show: (a) the date and amount of each sum paid into the fund; (b) the interest earned by such fund; (c) the capital gains or losses resulting from the sale of investments of the fund; (d) the interest or capital gains which have accrued to the fund; (e) the amount and date of each withdrawal from the fund; (f) the assets of the fund indicating the cash balance therein and a schedule of the amounts invested in federal or state obligations.

5. The total of the monies held in such reserve fund shall not exceed that amount which might reasonably be deemed necessary to meet anticipated judgments and claims arising out of such tax certiorari proceedings.

6. The sum of \$240,178 is hereby appropriated to such fund, to be paid from unappropriated fund balance.

7. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

A motion was made by Dr. Bauer, seconded by Ms. Magnarelli, and carried (7, 0) to approve the following resolution:

H. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of education accepts a donation from the Clinton Symphony to fund a concert for 3rd and 4th grade students on May 19, 2023.

\$3,650 A.2705 (Gifts and Donations)

Budgetary Distribution

\$3,650 A.2110.490.00.0000 (BOCES- Teaching)

9. OTHER

A motion was made by Dr. Perry, seconded by Ms. Shaw, and carried (7, 0) to approve the following resolution:

A. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the emergency closing “give back” day(s) listed below, be approved:

If, by May 26, 2023 we have not been forced to use the one remaining emergency day then school will be closed on Friday, May 26, 2023. Should an additional emergency day be used before May 26, 2023, then May 26, 2023 will be a day of instruction.

10. PERSONNEL

A motion was made by Ms. Magnarelli, seconded by Ms. Shaw and carried (7, 0) to combine items 10A through 10E.

A motion was made by Dr. Bauer, seconded by Ms. Magnarelli, and carried (7, 0) to approve items 10A through 10E.

A. BE IT RESOLVED that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Memorandum of Agreement between the Clinton Central School District and the CSEA, be approved.

B. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education rescind the following resolution that was approved on February 28, 2023:

BE IT RESOLVED that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the unpaid leave day for Cynthia Smiegal, School Nurse, on March 29, 2023, be approved.

C. BE IT RESOLVED that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the appointment of Jamie Brown to the full time civil service position of bus driver, to be compensated at Step 1, in accordance with the current CSEA agreement, with a probationary period of 8 to 26 weeks, effective April 26, 2023, be approved.

D. BE IT RESOLVED that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following placements be approved:

1. Allison Corigliano, (Utica University), student teaching under the supervision of elementary teacher Kelly Landry beginning September 5, 2023 through October 27 2023; and under the supervision of elementary teacher Lisa Tickle beginning October 30, 2023 through December 21, 2023.
2. Samantha Feduccia (Utica University), student teaching under the supervision of elementary teacher Beth Baker beginning October 30, 2023 through December 21, 2023.
3. Shannon Jedreicich (Utica University), student teaching under the supervision of Heather Cirelli beginning September 5, 2023 through October 27, 2023.

E. BE IT RESOLVED that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the termination of Daniel Platt from the position of cleaner, in accordance with the current CSEA agreement, effective April 17, 2023, be approved.

11. QUESTIONS BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Mr. Catterson said that he appreciated the quick response to a question asked by a community member at last week's meeting about BOCES programs.

It was confirmed that the 5th grade moving up ceremony will occur on June 14, 8th grade on June 21 at 8am, and commencement on June 17.

Ms. Leising said that she hoped the total eclipse that will occur on April 8, 2024 will be considered during next year's school calendar development as an opportunity for learning. She reminded Board members to test their SuperEval log-ins.

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION AND ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Dr. Perry, seconded by Ms. Magnarelli, and carried (7, 0) to go into executive session to discuss collective negotiations pursuant to Article 14 of the Civil Service Law (the Taylor Law); and 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 6:34pm.

A motion was made by Mr. Magdon, seconded by Ms. Magnarelli, and carried (7, 0) to return to regular session. The time was 7:56pm.

A motion was made by Dr. Bauer, seconded by Ms. Shaw, and carried (7, 0) to adjourn the meeting. The time was 7:56pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Julia A. Scranton
District Clerk