

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Clinton Central School District, Oneida County, New York, held on December 20, 2022.

Present:
(Board)

(Administration)

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

Mr. Christopher Clancy, Superintendent
Mr. Joseph Barretta, Assistant Superintendent
for Business
Dr. Shaun Carney, Middle School Principal
Dr. Matthew Lee, High School Principal
Ms. Ellen Leuthauser, Elementary Principal
Ms. Erin Eagan, 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

Absent: Kevin Magdon and Erica Shaw, Board Members

1. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Leising called the meeting to order at 5:35pm.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. READING OF THE MISSION STATEMENT

Ms. Leising read the mission statement.

4. INFORMATION-REPORTS-PROPOSAL/SUPERINTENDENT & STAFF

A. Superintendent’s Report

Superintendent Clancy reported that he was impressed by the level of accomplishment and professionalism displayed by students and staff at all three winter concerts. He thanked music teachers for providing this opportunity for students.

He commended scholar athlete teams for their level of commitment to both athletics and academics, and thanked all who helped organize a successful Career Day in the Middle School held on December 9. Congratulations to the 33 high school students whose hard work qualified them to be inducted into the National Honor Society. He enjoyed attending the High School Science Fair, where students addressed a wide variety of topics.

Mr. Clancy thanked the Clinton community for supporting the Capital Project which was overwhelmingly approved on December 13. He then reviewed the next steps which include the design, NYS approval, bidding and finally construction which will most likely begin in the spring of 2024.

Athletic Highlights

Director of Athletics, Safety and Wellness Eddie Waskiewicz reported that eight Varsity teams qualified for the Scholar Athlete award for the fall season, with 75% of each team earning a cumulative GPA of 90 or above. Additionally, 91 of those athletes will be awarded with a pin and a certificate for maintaining a GPA of 90 or above. He is proud of our 285 fall athletes for representing the District belief that “great things happen when you work hard”.

He presented highlights from the fall season during which three teams, Boys Cross Country, Girls Field Hockey and Girls Soccer, earned D-1 Championships. He reported that 10th grader John Musante placed 7th in NYSPHSAA Section III & competed in NYSPHSAA Cross Country Championship, receiving the traditional send off from the high school student body. Senior Paige Luke signed to Binghamton University to play Women’s Soccer.

He expressed appreciation to custodial staff members Jim Longo and Jason Tague for their support, to Frank Tizzano for arranging transportation, to athletic office secretary Sharon White for her organizational skills, to Hamilton College for the use of their facilities for games and practices, and to the Board of Education for their continuing support.

Administrators Reports

Elementary Principal Ellen Leuthauser, in response to questions from parents, explained playground recess procedures as indicated in the student handbook. Guidelines for playground activity take into consideration the number and age of students at recess, weather conditions, and safety - with some flexibility. Indoor recess is always an option. We are fortunate to have a group of lunch monitors who are dedicated to our students.

Fourth and fifth grade musical groups including band, concert band, chorus and honor band entertained audiences with wonderful performances. Fifth graders began as Safety Patrols and fourth graders learned, during a visit from Blue Mountain Museum’s outreach program, the ADK Experience, about the fur trade in NYS that occurred between Native Americans and Europeans.

Several holiday collections for families in need took place over the past few weeks including Kindergarten’s Coins for Caring initiative, where students earn money at home for doing chores. and donate it to the cause. About \$750 was raised by our Kindergarten students.

Middle School Principal Dr. Shaun Carney reported that Middle School Career Day went very well with more than 25 businesses informing students about their career paths. Students enjoyed a presentation from Wolfspeed, a start to finish Silicon Carbide fabrication facility located in Marcy, NY. He applauded middle school musical groups and teachers for a wonderful holiday concert. Special kudos to theater manager Keith DeStefanis who facilitates livestreaming and theater use for not only performances, but a variety of other events as well.

Middle School Winter Fun Day is scheduled for December 22 which will include games, scavenger hunts, karaoke, crafts and ice skating leading into the winter recess. About 70 middle school students up teamed up for a fun Trivia Night stumping each other with unusual questions. A food item donation served as admission to the event. Middle school students will now be provided with scientific calculators instead of including them in the annual student supply list.

Board members expressed appreciation on behalf of the community for concert livestreaming, allowing elderly and far-away relatives the opportunity to enjoy student performances.

High school Principal Matthew Lee provided a listing of the many holiday collections that took place in all three buildings that included food, clothing, toys, gift cards and cash. He estimates the total value of items collected to be about \$4000. Local needs in recent years have increased. CCS Chamber Singers, under the direction of vocal music teacher Jenna Wratten, entertained at the Root Farm tree lighting ceremony. High School Art Club is holding a silent auction of holiday cards that they created. Congratulations to high school student performers and music teachers for an incredible holiday concert. The chorus performed a song dedicated to the late Michael Wratten.

High School Science students learned about green business practices during a recent field trip to the Saranac Brewery. Wolfsped also presented to high school students on 12/7/22, giving them insight into that industry. He then presented the results of the High School Science Fair that was held on December 16th. Students presented their findings for volunteer judges and their peers, exploring a wide range of topics. The Science Fair is advised by teacher, Frank Aurigema.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

No one wished to speak.

6. STANDING RESOLUTIONS (CONSENT AGENDA)

A motion was made by Dr. Bauer, seconded by Ms. Magnarelli, and carried (5, 0) to combine items 6A through 6L.

A motion was made by Mr. Catterson, seconded by Dr. Perry, and carried (5, 0) to approve items 6A through 6L.

A. Agenda and Any Additions to the Agenda for December 20, 2022

B. Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on November 15, 2022

C. Summary Treasurer's Report for October 2022

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G. Treasurer's Report for November 2022

H. Executive Summary for October 2022

I. Executive Summary for November 2022

J. Revenues/expenditures by Month

K. Extra-classroom Treasurer's Report for November 2022

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

Initial Review	2
Program Review	7
Annual Review	0
Re-evaluation (Triennial)	1
Administrative Transfer	0
Preschool	3
504 Review	3
504 Referral	1
Amendment w/o Meeting Held	2

M. Updated List of Substitute and Supervisory Personnel

7. COMMITTEE/LIAISON REPORTS

A. Committee Reports

1. Policy Committee

Dr. Perry reported that the Committee met earlier in December. The 9000 section of the policy manual was reviewed, along with related compliance procedures. Discussion that took place at the November Board meeting regarding the Public Comment policy prompted a survey of regional school districts that revealed the norm is one session per meeting. The committee will recommend this change moving forward.

B. Liaisons

1. PTA

Dr. Bauer reported that attendees were treated to a presentation about the Kindness Closet, a free resource for students offering a wide range of donated items. The Sports Boosters are sponsoring, in part, a Harlem Wizard basketball event on February 28th. The PTA is considering assisting families in need with purchasing tickets for this event. In addition to entertaining, a game against staff and/or students will take place. The bus loop spirit wear pick-up went well.

2. SBI

Ms. Magnarelli reported that discussion took place regarding New York State's desire to switch from gas fueled to electric powered school buses. A survey was sent out to Districts to help determine the level of difficulty they will face in order to comply. Also discussed was the SBI calendar for next year as well as Zoom vs. in-person meetings as it relates to attendance. The Institute hopes to offer more professional development for Board members and Superintendents.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Mr. Catterson, seconded by Dr. Bauer, and carried (5, 0) to approve the following resolution:

- A. 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
Computer Hardware - State Aid	A2630.220.00	\$9,200		Purchase 25 touchscreen
ES Textbooks	A2110.481.00		\$7,200	chromebooks for a
HS Textbooks	A2110.481.05		2000	Kindergarten classroom.

A motion was made by Dr. Perry, seconded by Ms. Magnarelli, and carried (5, 0) to approve the following resolution:

- B. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education accepts a donation from the Clinton Central Schools District Foundation to fund the Clinton Elementary School summer school program.

\$23,354.06 A.2705 (Gifts and Donations)

Budgetary Distribution

\$20,957.78	A.2110.120.00.SUMM	(Summer Program - Salaries)
\$459.63	A.2110.450.01.SUMM	(Summer Program - Supplies)
\$2,664.00	A.5510.160.00.SUMM	(Summer Program - Transportation Salaries)
\$309.02	A.9010.800.00.SUMM	(Summer Program - ERS)
\$2,156.56	A.9020.800.00.SUMM	(Summer Program - TRS)
\$1,807.07	A.9030.800.00.SUMM	(Summer Program - FICA)

A motion was made by Dr. Bauer, seconded by Mr. Catterson, and carried (5, 0) to approve the following resolution:

- C. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education accepts a donation for the Elementary School’s Playground Project.

Hannaford Helps Schools	\$249.00	
	\$249.00	CM 2770 PLAY

A motion was made by Ms. Magnarelli, seconded by Mr. Catterson, and carried (5, 0) to approve the following resolution:

- D. WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Clinton Central School District, Oneida County, New York, has called a special district meeting of the qualified voters of said School District to be held on the 13th day of December, 2022; and

WHEREAS, it is now desired to provide for the appointment of a chairperson and inspectors of election for the special district meeting to be compensated as per established protocol between the Oneida County Board of Elections and the Clinton Central School District;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Clinton Central School District, Oneida County, New York, as follows:

Steven Marcus, qualified voter of said School District, is hereby appointed to act as an inspector of election at said special district meeting.

A motion was made by Ms. Magnarelli, seconded by Dr. Perry, and carried (5, 0) to approve the following resolution:

- E. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education accepts the results of the December 13, 2022 Capital Project Vote as follows:

Proposition No. 1

Shall the Board of Education (the “Board of Education”) of the Clinton Central School District (the “District”) be authorized to reconstruct, improve, rehabilitate, repair, furnish and equip the Clinton Elementary School, the Clinton Middle School and the Clinton High School buildings and grounds, including site work, athletic field improvements, and construction of a synthetic turf field with lights and spectator seating adjacent to the High School, at a combined maximum estimated cost of \$18,045,000; to withdraw \$3,000,000 from the District’s Capital Reserve Fund to pay a portion of said costs; and to raise the sum of \$15,045,000 by the levy of a tax upon the taxable property of the District, to be collected in annual installments as provided in Section 416 of the Education Law, which tax may be offset by New York State aid available therefor; and, in anticipation of such tax, shall the District be authorized to issue obligations of the District up to a maximum principal amount of \$15,045,000?

Capital Project 2025 Vote Results		
	Yes	No
Ballots Cast in Person	221	27
Absentee Ballots	35	19
Affidavit Ballots	2	0
Total	258	46

A motion was made by Dr. Bauer, seconded by Mr. Catterson, and carried (5, 0) to approve the following resolution:

- F. BE IT RESOLVED that the contract between the Clinton Central School District and H Brandeles Corp. for the installation of two boilers and associated work at a cost of \$220,000 be approved.

Mr. Clancy recalled that, at last month’s meeting, the Board approved the boiler replacement as an emergency project. Since then, bids were received for less than the estimated approved cost. Boilers have been ordered, and the plan is for installation to take place over the winter recess. In addition, as part of the Capital Project, the water system will be modified to avoid the hard water damage that was likely the cause of this problem.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

No one wished to speak.

10. PERSONNEL

A motion was made by Dr. Perry, seconded by Ms. Magnarelli, and carried (5, 0) to approve the following resolution:

- A. BE IT RESOLVED that the resignation of Brian McIntosh from the position of Intramural Fitness Center Coach for the winter sports season be accepted.

A motion was made by Dr. Bauer, seconded by Mr. Catterson, and carried (5, 0) to approve the following resolution:

- B. BE IT RESOLVED that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following coaching appointments for the 2022-2023 school year, pending team formation, to be compensated in accordance with Article 14 of the CTA contract or other agreements/understandings between the District and CTA, be approved.

Beth Baker Winter Intramural Fitness Center Coach (prorated)

A motion was made by Ms. Magnarelli, seconded by Dr. Perry, and carried (5, 0) to combine items 10A through 10G.

A motion was made by Ms. Magnarelli, seconded by Dr. Perry, and carried (5, 0) to approve items 10A through 10G.

- C. BE IT RESOLVED that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the appointment of Alexa Mahserjian to the position of long-term substitute health education teacher to be compensated as step 1MA in accordance with the current CTA agreement, beginning on or about December 1, 2022 through March 28, 2023, be approved.

- D. BE IT RESOLVED that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the resignation of Denise Wolanin from the position of aide, effective December 16, 2022, be accepted with regret.

- E. BE IT RESOLVED that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following co-curricular appointments for the 2022-2023 school year, to be compensated in accordance with Article 15 of the CTA contract, be approved:

Adrienne Gemelli Middle School Ski Club Advisor
Alexa Mahserjian Interim Middle School Positivity Project Co-advisor

- F. BE IT RESOLVED that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the appointment of Kevin Karin to the full time civil service position of bus driver to be compensated at step 1 in accordance with the current CSEA agreement, effective December 21, 2022, with a probationary period of 8 to 26 weeks, be approved.

- G. BE IT RESOLVED that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the resignation with intent to retire of Sharon White, account clerk typist, in accordance with the current CSEA agreement, effective February 24, 2023, be accepted with regret.

11. QUESTIONS BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Ms. Leising reported that she and Mr. Clancy has discussed the scheduling of a Board Retreat to be held on an evening in January. More to come.

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION AND ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Dr. Perry, seconded by Dr. Bauer and carried (5, 0) to go into executive session to discuss proposed, pending or current litigation; collective negotiations pursuant to Article 14 of the Civil Service Law (the Taylor Law); the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person(s) or corporation. The time was 6:50pm.

Ms. Shaw joined the executive session at approximately 7:00pm.

A motion was made by Dr. Bauer, seconded by Ms. Shaw, and carried, (5, 0) to return to regular session. The time was 8:22pm.

A motion was made by Dr. Bauer, seconded by Dr. Perry, and carried (5, 0) to adjourn the meeting. That time was 8:23pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Julia A. Scranton". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Julia" being the most prominent.

Julia A. Scranton
District Clerk