

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Clinton Central School District, Oneida County, New York, held on November 15, 2022.

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. 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

1. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Leising called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

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

Mr. Clancy began by thanking the students, staff and community for their warm welcome. He enjoyed, prior to his official first day, getting acquainted with CCS through building tours, individual meetings and community events. He applauded the middle school production of “Annie, Jr.” which he and his family attended.

He announced that an informational presentation regarding the Capital Project has been scheduled for Tuesday, November 29, at 7:00pm in the High School Cafeteria. The vote will take place on December 13 from noon to 8:00pm in the Theater Lobby.

Administrators Report

Elementary principal Ellen Leuthauser reported that students enjoyed Halloween and fall themed activities. She explained that the Halloween celebration has been transitioned to the PTA due to past experiences and safety concerns. Fourth graders enjoyed experimenting with apple volcanoes, and building bridges, testing their durability against Jell-O earthquakes. Ms. Mickle’s class spent two days completing pumpkin themed stations that included math activities, building catapults and

constructing pumpkin stands. Fifth grade art students used various clay techniques to create fall themed sculptures.

Seven CCS students participated in the 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Honor Band in Liverpool, attending Sunday afternoon rehearsals in preparation for a concert in Liverpool on November 28. Fourth graders and kindergarten students enjoy their time as book buddies every Friday. ELL teacher s Denise Toia-Kramer and Micaela Honsinger meet monthly with ELL parents to teach them how to navigate school systems and procedures.

Middle school principal Dr. Shaun Carney congratulated students for an excellent performance of Annie, Jr. Thank you to teachers and staff members who made this possible. He, too, reported that Halloween celebrations had been redirected due to concerns expressed over the years. This year, an evening family Halloween related event was held that did not require costumes.

As in the elementary school, a non-perishable food drive is taking place as well as the District-wide annual Stuff the Bus toy collection. Thank you Mrs. Tesak for coordinating this effort. The Hangin' with Hamilton event was attended by 70 students who enjoyed free music, games, food and craft activities with Hamilton College student leaders who donate their time.

Mindfulness Adventurer Club members climbed three local mountains, completing the Fulton Chain Trifecta Hiking Challenge. The club is advised by school social worker Mr. Anthony Sirianni. Eighth and ninth grade National Jr. Honor Society members assisted elderly community members with yard work, an annual occurrence organized through the Oneida County Youth Bureau. Grade 6 students attended Conservation Education Days at Delta Lake State Park gaining knowledge about nature, ecological balance and related careers.

High school principal Dr. Matthew Lee reported that National Honor Society members participated in the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk. Through the weekly high school newsletter, parents have been informed of building goals with periodic updates as to progress made toward their achievement.

Student James Klein selected by faculty and students as the Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen Award, and Lydia DeTraglia and Paige Luke were named Section 3 Class B All-Stars in soccer. Paige also signed with Binghamton University as a Division 1 athlete. Ninth grader John Musante received the traditional send off to compete in the State Cross Country meet held at VVS on Saturday.

Social worker Mr. Sirianni and PE teacher Mr. Bialek organized a 3 on 3 basketball tournament that was enjoyed by students and staff. Digital media students visited CTE and P-Tech classes to take photographs of their fellow students for the yearbook. The Kindness Closet, coordinated by teacher Mr. Pavone, is open and thriving. Thank you to all for the overwhelming number of items donated.

## 5. PUBLIC COMMENT

District resident Howard Schaffer reported that the ABC 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala was well attended. Many of the program's graduates have gone on to be contributing members of society, and he hopes that the program will continue to prosper and grow.

6. STANDING RESOLUTIONS (CONSENT AGENDA)

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

A motion was made by Dr. Bauer, seconded by Mr. Catterson, and carried (7, 0) to combine items 6A through 6E.

A. Agenda and Any Additions to the Agenda for November 15, 2022

B. Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on October 25, 2022

C. Extra-classroom Treasurer’s Report for October 2022

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

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

E. Updated List of Substitute and Supervisory Personnel

7. COMMITTEE/LIAISON REPORTS

A. Committee Reports

1. Policy Committee

Dr. Perry thanked Mr. Langone and Mr. Clancy for guiding the policy committee with their work. He reported that the last meeting focused on the review of the 8000 section of the current policy manual.

B. Liaisons

1. School Board Institute

Ms. Leising reported that she, Mr. Langone and Ms. Van Slyke attended a productive zoom session with Lester Young, Jr., Chancellor of the Board of Regents, where a list of prepared questions were addressed. Other questions that arose will be addressed through Dr. Kilburn, BOCES Superintendent. The next executive meeting takes place in early December.

8. NEW BUSINESS

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

**A. RESOLUTION REGARDING STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW**

**WHEREAS**, the Clinton Central School District Administration and Architect, March Associates, have determined that the boilers at the Middle School have failed and are in need of immediate replacement; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education of the Clinton Central School District (the “Board”) has considered the impacts to the environment of the boiler replacement in accordance with the detailed scope of work prepared by its Architect dated November 10, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board has reviewed the scope of the Proposed Action and has further received and considered the advice of its Architect with respect to the potential for environmental impacts resulting from the Proposed Action; and

**WHEREAS**, the District has reviewed the Proposed Action with respect to the Type II criteria set forth in 6 NYCRR part 617.5(c) (1), (2) and (3) and concluded that the project involves activities involving no substantial changes in existing structures or facilities, and replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction of structures or facilities in kind and routine activities of an educational institution, now therefore;

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Education as follows:

1. The Proposed Action individually and collectively does not exceed thresholds established under 6 NYCRR Part 617 of the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA).
2. The Board hereby determines that the Proposed Action is a Type II action in accordance with the SEQRA regulations.
3. No further review of the Proposed Action is required under SEQRA.
4. This Resolution shall be effective immediately.

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

**B. ORDINARY CONTINGENT EXPENSE RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the Clinton Central School District’s Administration and Architect, March Associates, have determined that as a result of unexpected failure of two boilers at Clinton Central School District’s Middle School, immediate replacement of the boilers is required; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education has received and considered the opinion of its Architect, dated November 15, 2022, declaring the replacement of boilers at Clinton Central School District’s Middle School is a public emergency necessary to preserve the life, health, safety and welfare of students and staff (the “Emergency Project”); and

**WHEREAS**, the School District’s administration concurs that the replacement of boilers constitutes an emergency project and that it is not possible to operate school effectively without proper heat in the buildings; and

**WHEREAS**, the Emergency Project is essential for the protection of the health and safety of students and staff and for the protection of the School District's property because the Clinton Central School District cannot properly heat its buildings without the boiler replacement and injuries or damage would occur; and

**WHEREAS**, the District's Administration and its construction team have been in contact with the New York State Education Department's Office of Facility Planning which has agreed that the Emergency Project constitutes a local emergency project which is required in order to preserve the health and safety of students and staff and for protection of the School District's property and shall receive New York State Building aid over a 15- year period; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education has declared that the project is a Type II SEQRA Action that will have no negative impact on the environment;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** as follows:

1. The Board of Education hereby finds pursuant to the Education Law, that the replacement of two boilers at Clinton Central School District's Middle School is necessary for the protection of the health and safety of students and staff and for protection of the District's property, and hereby declares the Emergency Project to be an ordinary contingent expense.
2. The maximum estimated cost of the Emergency Project, as determined by the District's Administration and March Associates, is \$320,000. The funding source for the Emergency Project will be unappropriated fund balance.
3. The Superintendent of Schools and all officers and employees of the School District are hereby authorized and directed to take all steps reasonably necessary or enter agreements to complete the Emergency Project; to carry out the intent of this Resolution.
3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

It was confirmed that two of the five boilers have failed, and the school is currently operating with three. Initial approval has been received from NYSED and the cost is aidable.

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

- C. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approves the disposal of the attached list of obsolete property.

It was confirmed that the items on the list were outdated reference books.

A motion was made by Ms. Magnarelli, seconded by Dr. Perry, and carried (7, 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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:

Section 1. Jennifer Giannone, duly qualified voter of said School District is hereby appointed as the chairperson of the special district meeting referred to in the preambles hereof.

Section 2. The following named qualified voters of said School District are hereby appointed to act as inspectors of election at said special district meeting:

**INSPECTORS:** Patricia Palladino, Gil Palladino, Dottie Kalies, Diana Huss, Joanna Huss, Karen Winkler, Nancy Lillibridge and Jennifer Giannone.

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

**E. RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE FILING OF RETURN TAX CLAIMS**

WHEREAS the Education Law provides that the tax collector shall be relieved of responsibility for the uncollected portion of the tax list when a complete list of the delinquent tax items have been certified to the Board of Education and since the collector has affixed his affidavit to such statement and has filed a statement accounting for the handling of the tax warrant and list as follows:

TOWN	ASSESSED VALUE	TAX RATE PER \$1000	AMOUNT TAX LEVY	TOTAL TAXES COLLECTED	TOTAL TAXES RETURNED TO COUNTY
Marshall	\$10,302,827.00	\$40.79	\$378,281.02	\$364,478.60	\$13,793.42
Paris	\$756,913.00	\$32.38	\$17,548.61	\$15,233.59	\$2,315.02
Vernon	\$1,815,111.00	\$39.23	\$66,158.78	\$65,958.67	\$200.11
Westmoreland	\$16,575,641.00	\$47.44	\$734,924.21	\$699,140.31	\$35,783.90
Kirkland	\$318,637,290.00	\$42.06	\$12,416,250.17	\$11,959,600.79	\$456,649.38
New Hartford	\$49,241,401.00	\$32.38	\$1,507,403.34	\$1,482,402.56	\$25,000.78
Whitestown	\$949,199.00	\$38.49	\$31,761.99	\$29,777.56	\$1,984.43
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$398,278,382.00</b>		<b>\$15,152,328.12</b>	<b>\$14,616,601.08</b>	<b>\$535,727.04</b>

Mr. Barretta explained that the county is obligated to make the District whole.

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

**F. BE IT RESOLVED** that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the contract between the Clinton Central School District and the Clinton Arena to use the facility for

interscholastic hockey games and hockey practice beginning November 2022 through February 2023, at a cost of \$22,942.85 be approved.

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

G. BE IT RESOLVED that, in response to the examination prepared by the D’Arcangelo & Co., LLP, covering the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, the corresponding corrective action plan submitted to NYSED by the Clinton Central School District, be accepted and made part of this school district’s records.

A motion was made by Dr. Perry, 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 Pinny and George Kuckel to support the Clinton Warriors Girls’ Ice Hockey Team:

\$1,000 CM688 Hockey

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

I. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education accepts a donation from Mary Zimbler to purchase Physical Education uniforms for the Middle School:

\$300 A.2705 (Gifts and Donation)

Budgetary Distribution

\$300 A2110.450.04.0000 (Middle School Supplies)

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

J. BE IT RESOLVED, that the following tax bill revisions be approved:

Resident, tax map #365.000-1-1.4, an adjustment of \$4,782.34.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

No one wished to speak.

10. PERSONNEL

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

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

- A. BE IT RESOLVED that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the resignation with intent to retire of Julie Maxam, bus driver, in accordance with the current CSEA agreement, effective November 19, 2022, be accepted with regret.
- B. BE IT RESOLVED that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the resignation of Erin Muzio from the position of special education teacher effective December 9, 2022, be accepted with regret.
- C. BE IT REOLVED that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the unpaid family care leave for Ashley Bradbury, elementary school teacher, on or about March 20, 2023 through June 30, 2023, be approved.
- D. BE IT RESOLVED that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of schools, the resignation of Alexis Kemp form the position of Girls Modified Volleyball Coach be accepted effective November 7, 2022, with regret.
- E. 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.

Alexa	Mahserjian	Girls Modified Volleyball Head Coach
Juan	Reyes	Boys Modified Basketball Head Coach
Frank	Milana	Boys Modified Basketball Head Coach
Jake	Bialek	Co-ed Varsity Indoor Track Asst. Coach
Rylee	Meelan	Co-ed Varsity Indoor Track Asst. Coach
Fritz	Gale	Boys Varsity Basketball Volunteer
Kevin	Jones	Co-ed Varsity Indoor Track & Field Volunteer
Catherine	Rood	Girls Varsity Ice Hockey Volunteer
Anthony	Rizzo	Boys Varsity Basketball Volunteer
Michael J.	Hayduk	Boys Varsity Basketball Volunteer
Amanda	Lupo	Girls Varsity Ice Hockey Volunteer
Christopher	Jones	Co-ed Varsity Indoor Track & Field Volunteer
Brian	McIntosh	Intramural Fitness Center Coach

- F. BE IT RESOLVED that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following placements be approved:
1. Katelyn Calkins, (Utica University), student teaching under the supervision of elementary teacher Jodi Frank beginning January 3, 2023 through March 3, 2023.
  2. Breanna Mumpton, (Utica University), student teaching under the supervision of elementary teacher Samantha Lynch, beginning January 3, 2023 through March 3, 2023.
  3. Breanna Mumpton, (Utica University), student teaching under the supervision of elementary teacher Laura Pominville, beginning March 7, 2023 through May 5, 2023.



4. Victoria Rocci, (Utica University), student teaching under the supervision of elementary teacher Erin Higgins, beginning January 3, 2023 through March 3, 2023.
  5. Victoria Rocci, (Utica University), student teaching under the supervision of elementary teacher Emily Heintz, beginning March 7, 2023 through May 5, 2023.
  6. Travis Grogan, (Utica University), student teaching under the supervision of physical education teacher Heather Hillage-Scribner, beginning January 3, 2023 through March 3, 2023.
- G. BE IT RESOLVED that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following musical accompanists for the 2022-2023 school year to be compensated in a total amount not to exceed the budgeted amount of \$2000, be approved.
- Karen Corigliano, Jane Beck, Jessica Decker, Bob Ford, Bonnie Hibbard, John Krause, Mark Bunce, Kathy Austin, Fiona Peters and Randy Davis, Tina Toglia and Colleen Pellman
- H. BE IT RESOLVED that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the termination of Edwin Heath from the position of cleaner, effective November 4, 2022, be approved.
- I. BE IT RESOLVED that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the amendment to the agreement between Jennifer Kelly, senior payroll clerk, and the Clinton Central School District, effective July 1, 2022, be approved.
- J. BE IT RESOLVED that the resignation of Tenneil Mihm from the position of Middle School Ski Club Advisor, effective November 8, 2022 be accepted.
- K. BE IT RESOLVED that the resignation of Michael Tesak from the position of High School Ski Club Advisor, effective November 8, 2022 be accepted.
- L. 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:
- Kelly Sanderson                      High School Ski Club Advisor
- M. BE IT RESOLVED that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, ten additional summer work days for Amie Johnson, Assistant Principal in the High School, to be compensated at a daily rate of \$385 per day, be approved.
- N. BE IT RESOLVED that the attached Memorandum of Understanding between the Clinton Central School District, the Clinton Teachers Association and Ms. Mindy Pavone, be approved.

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

**O. RESOLUTION RATIFYING COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH CLINTON TEACHERS ASSOCIATION**

**WHEREAS**, the Clinton Central School District (the “District”) and the Clinton Teachers Association (“Association”) have reached a tentative agreement concerning a successor collective bargaining agreement (“Agreement”) covering the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2025; **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the District, having been advised by the Association that it has properly approved and/or ratified said tentative agreement, hereby ratifies the terms of said Agreement and authorizes the Interim Superintendent to execute the Agreement on behalf of the District; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this Board hereby approves the appropriation of any additional funds necessary to implement the terms of said Agreement.

The Board expressed gratitude to Mr. Langone, Mr. Barretta and Mr. King for the time and effort expended to move forward with this agreement. We are all on the same mission.

11. QUESTIONS BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Discussion took place regarding the public comment portion of the meeting. Pros and cons surrounding new ideas prompted by sessions attended at the recent NYSSBA Convention were weighed. Board member decided to canvas regional District to determine the norm.

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION AND ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Dr. Perry, seconded by Dr. Bauer, and carried (7, 0) to go into executive session to discuss the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person. The time was 6:22pm.

A motion was made by Dr. Bauer, seconded by Dr. Perry, and carried (7, 0) to return to regular session. The time was 7:11pm.

A motion was made by Dr. Bauer, seconded by Dr. Perry, and carried (7, 0) to adjourn the meeting. The time was 7:12pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Julia A. Scranton  
District Clerk