

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Education of the Clinton Central School District, Oneida County, New York, held on April 18, 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

Mr. Christopher Clancy, Superintendent
Mr. Joseph Barretta, Assistant Superintendent
for Business
Ms. Debora Van Slyke, Director Curriculum
and Instruction

Julia A. Scranton, District Clerk

Absent: Ms. Erica Shaw, Board Member

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.

4. INFORMATION-REPORTS-PROPOSAL/SUPERINTENDENT & STAFF

A. Superintendent’s Report

Mr. Chris Clancy, Superintendent, welcomed Mr. Tim Thomas, Clinton’s OHM BOCES Board representative and former CCS Board member, who spoke about the advantages OHM BOCES provides to participating Districts. Cooperative purchasing through BOCES allows Districts to efficiently fund materials, supplies and educational offerings that would not be affordable otherwise. Districts also profit from a sizeable aid reimbursement the following year for most purchases.

In addition to widely visible program offerings, BOCES administration plays an integral role in economic development at the global level, while keeping a finger on the pulse of future career paths toward which educational pathways could be steered. Programs such as P-Tech are continually updating and expanding, accommodating student learning in ways that Districts would not be able to execute alone. BOCES also facilitates communication by coordinating regional meetings for principals and superintendents, and state-wide BOCES administration meets regularly, serving as a voice for all of the Districts.

Board members thanked Mr. Thomas for his informative presentation. Mr. Clancy added that he appreciates that BOCES helps give students the broadest educational scope possible by creating additional pathways of learning.

Mr. Clancy then reported that over 40 middle school students were inducted into the Jr. National Honor Society, congratulating them on this high academic achievement. The CCS Jazz Band, conducted by Mr. Norin Lavender, performed at the OHM BOCES Annual Meeting which was attended by representatives from all area Districts. Just prior to spring break, poet Phil Kaye read selections of his work to middle school students, suitably targeting this audience. He fielded insightful questions from students. Thank you, Ms. Gaetano, and the middle school English department, for coordinating this opportunity.

Budget Update

Mr. Clancy reviewed the schedule of presentations that have occurred at Board meetings since January. New York State's delay in adopting a budget should not impact school districts since Foundation Funding has been a commitment at the state level. The Board will be asked later in this meeting to adopt a 2023-2024 expenditure budget number of \$30,777,153. This represents a 3.28% increase or a 2.17% tax levy change.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

A student who is pursuing her Eagle Scout designation asked that the Board assist her in fulfilling the requirement of attending a public meeting where varied viewpoints were presented. It was suggested that she might attend the "Meet the Candidates:" forum which would serve her purpose.

District parent Howard Schaffer hoped that students are made aware of educational pathways available through BOCES, at least by the middle school grade levels.

High school ELA teacher Amy Doggett shared that City of Utica had hosted a competition to select a poet laureate and youth poet laureate. For the second year in a row, a Clinton student received honorable mention. Ninth grader Sarah Butcher will be honored at a ceremony at Munson Museum on April 23 at 2pm.

6. STANDING RESOLUTIONS (CONSENT AGENDA)

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

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

A. Agenda and Any Additions to the Agenda for April 18, 2023

B. Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on March 28, 2023

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

Initial Review	2
Program Review	3
Annual Review	11
Re-evaluation (Triennial)	1
Administrative Transfer	0
Preschool	0
504 Review	10
504 Referral	0
Amendment w/o Meeting Held	0
Manifestation Determination	1

7. NEW BUSINESS

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

- A. BE IT RESOLVED that the expenditure budget for the 2023-2024 school year in the amount of \$30,777,153 to be voted upon as per the Governor’s directive, be adopted.

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

- B. WHERE AS, Education law section 1608(7) requires that each year the Board of Education prepare and approve a property tax report card;

BE IT RESOLVED; that the Board of Education adopts the attached property tax report card.

8. PERSONNEL

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

- A. BE IT RESOLVED that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the appointment of Rose Pitman to the position of long-term substitute physical education teacher to be compensated at Step 1BA in accordance with the current CTA agreement, beginning on April 17, 2023 through June 30, 2023, be approved.

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

- B. BE IT RESOLVED that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following coaching appointment 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.

Juan Reyes Modified Baseball Head Coach

It was clarified that the number of students participating in modified baseball required the formation of two teams.

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

C. BE IT RESOLVED that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the resignation of Alicia Castle from the position of Teacher Assistant for the Clinton Central School District effective April 21, 2023, be accepted with regret.

9. QUESTIONS BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Dr. Bauer asked how many student were playing on each of the modified baseball teams. Mr. Clancy believes there are 13 participants on each team.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION AND ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ms. Magnarelli, seconded by Dr. Bauer, and carried (6, 0) to adjourn the meeting. The time was 6:10PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Julia A. Scranton
District Clerk