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PUBLIC NOTICE OF MEETING

**THE CLINTONDALE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION WILL
CONVENE IN A SPECIAL BOARD MEETING on:**

Monday, March 11, 2024, at 6:30pm

**35200 Little Mack, Clinton Township, MI 48035
High School Conference Center**

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If you should have any questions or if you plan to bring a group of people to the meeting, please call the Board of Education at (586) 791-6300.

**Mr. Jared Maynard
President, Board of Education**

Proposed minutes of the above meeting will be available for public inspection during regular business hours, at 35100 Little Mack, Clinton Township, MI and online not more than eight business days after said meeting, and approved minutes of said meeting will be available for public inspection during regular business hours, at the same location, not more than five business days after the meeting at which they are approved. Copies of the minutes shall also be available at the reasonable estimated cost of printing and copying.

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Clintondale Community Schools Board Agenda
35200 Little Mack - Clinton Township, MI 48035
High School Conference Center
March 11, 2024 6:30 p.m.
Special Board Meeting

Call Special Board Meeting to Order – 6:30 p.m. Special Board Meeting began at: _____

ROLL CALL

Jared Maynard Barry Powers Lisa Valerio-Nowc
 Felicia Kaminski Diane Zontini Michael Manning

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CORRESPONDENCE- It is recommended by the Superintendent and the Board President, that the Board acknowledge the correspondence and receive them.

Wilbur Jones

Motion by _____, Support by _____ Y _____ N _____ Ab _____

PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

We encourage you to voice your opinion on topics on the agenda. Please stand and be recognized by the Chairperson, and state your name and address before commenting. To provide the opportunity for all to participate, board policy limits each individual to three minutes. To ensure due process and respect of individual rights, the District maintains a formal process for handling complaints against individuals. A problem involving an individual(s) or specific incident is best handled through administrative channels. Speakers are asked to express themselves in a civil manner, with due respect for the dignity and privacy of others who may be affected by your comments, speakers should be aware that if your statements violate the rights of others under the law of defamation or invasion of privacy, you may be held legally responsible. ____

NEW BUSINESS- #1-2

Item #1 - It is recommended by the Board President to conduct interviews for the vacant board member position.

Motion by _____, Support by _____ Y _____ N _____ Ab _____

Item #2 - It is recommended by the Board President that the Board take nominations to appoint a new Board member to fill the vacant Board seat until regular school election.

Motion by _____, Support by _____ Y _____ N _____ Ab _____

Motion by Member _____ To appoint _____, Support by Member _____.

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ADJOURNMENT

Motioned by: _____ Supported by: _____ Time: _____

Wilbur L. Jones



Dear Clintondale Board of Education,

Please accept this correspondence as my official request to be selected to fill the vacant Board position at Clintondale Community Schools. As a life long member of this community, I possess the experience and dedication that is required to make an impact on decisions that will help move this district forward positively.

I was educated through this district from grades k-12 (Class of 1982). After completing my education, I went on to serve 20 years in the United States Army, retiring in 2003. I took great pride in serving my country as a world veteran, serving in the Persian Gulf War, Bosnia, Germany and Kosovo. Preceding my retirement from the Army, I continued my military tradition by teaching in the Pontiac Community Schools Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps in which I retired June 16, 2023 as the program's senior instructor.

As mentioned, I have lived in this community all my life. There is nothing more important to me than my community and the education that the children receive. My leadership in this district is evident as I am a 20 year member and Deacon at New Greater Life International Ministries, Organizer of the annual Quinn Road Reunion and the Community 5k Walk president. I have coached Macomb County girls basketball for the past 15 years with two district championships. My hobbies are fishing, gardening and DJ'ing.

I have mentored many children in this community where we have fed the homeless, participated in Veterans Day parades and visited nursing homes. I am guided and supported by my loving wife Marietta of 39 years. I have two children, 1 granddaughter and 5 foster daughters.

In closing, my retirement is not looked at as a complete time to rest for me. I gave to my country and now it is time to give more to my community. I received my Masters degree from Liberty University and I believe that with my education, strong leadership skills, communication and most importantly, integrity would make me a very qualified candidate for this position. I may be contact at the email address and phone number provided above. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Wilbur Jones

Clintondale Community Schools

Board Appointment Questions March 2024

1. Why are you interested in serving on the Clintondale school board?
2. What contributions can you make to the Clintondale school district?
3. What do you see as challenges facing our school district?
4. What do you see as the roles and responsibilities of school board members?
5. In the challenging times that we're facing this year, why have you decided to be a part of the decision-making process?
6. What would you like to see changed in the district and how do you envision your role in that change?
7. An average month for a school board member includes about five scheduled meetings and perhaps another five school or community related activities. In addition, there's daily email correspondence, required reading and district updates. How will you fit this into your schedule?
8. After review and discussion on significant issues, the board operates by a majority vote. When the majority vote is different from your position how would you manage the situation?
9. Working effectively with other school board members and the superintendent requires skills in communication and decision-making. How do you see yourself working with other members of the leadership team?
10. How do you view the relationship between the board of education and the administration/staff?
11. If appointed to the board, would you seek re-election when the appointment expires?
12. Identify a recent board decision that you felt strongly about and describe how you would balance community concerns, student needs, state and federal law, staff considerations and your personal value and beliefs to determine how to vote on the issue.
13. What do you believe are highlights of the district?
14. How can the board be more accessible to the community?
15. Do you understand the role of the superintendent? Describe the superintendent's role.
16. What is your vision for education in this community?

Wilbur Jones

7/14/2023

Board Candidate

1. Why are you interested in serving on the Clintondale school board?

I am interested in becoming a Board member to make a difference in my community and the education that the children are receiving. It would be rewarding to help advocate positive change for the district. To help bridge the gap between the district and the community. It is my objective to promote the great and positive things our district is doing, and help dismiss the negative look of this district. I want to be part of the solution.

2. What contributions can you make to the Clintondale school district?

Leadership and Motivation, I would help change the view in our community of this district. I would participate in community and school events. I have learned to use the Be, Know, Do motto. BE about our school district business, KNOW our community needs, and DO what you said you would do for our children. You need to have motivation to accomplish this.

3. What do you see as challenges facing our school district?

The district is going to be facing financial and staffing issues. It is critical that this Board and new superintendent make solid decisions on finances for the future. We need to focus on the issues and repair the district from past mistakes. Our new Superintendent must bring about stability to the district, bring about creative and innovative ideas to help grow the district and to support the educational advancements of our students.

The turnover of students and staff is extremely alarming and is very costly to the district, not only financially but causes instability for our students thus interfering with education. We must develop a plan to retain our students and staff. Without proper action, direction and immediate change, it will be difficult for this district to compete with larger schools in the area.

4. What do you see as the roles and responsibilities of school board members?

First and foremost, the primary function of the Board in my opinion, is to set logical and fair policies, approve budgets, review/execute contracts and provide direction for the district while being a voice of the community. We as board members should be more involved in community events and build relationships with members of our community, embrace diversity. It is critical that each board member consider their responsibilities, and the best interest of the students in each decision they make. Also, it is important that Board members review the agenda, prepare for the meeting, and conduct themselves in a professional manner.

5. In the challenging times that we're facing this year, why have you decided to be a part of the decision-making process?

It is vital that this board overcome the said scandal and work diligently to help district out of its financial issues. I want to be the new voice on the board to bring innovative and positive solutions.

6. What would you like to see changed in the district and how do you envision your role in that change?

We need to continue to progress. Education should be our main focus. We can make a meaningful impact on our students. I see my role as someone that can utilize my knowledge as a teacher, experience and leadership as a retired soldier, to help drive change from the board level, support our new superintendent, guide our new board members and ultimately help get past our current issues.

7. An average month for a school board member includes about five scheduled meetings and perhaps another five school or community related activities. In addition, there's daily email correspondence, required reading and district updates. How will you fit this into your schedule?

I am a retired teacher and retired military veteran. I know commitment and stability. My objective is to continue to place strong focus on education. I am always available to make time for the benefit of children.

8. After review and discussion on significant issues, the board operates by a majority vote. When the majority vote is different from your position how would you manage the situation?

I would remain professional and support the vote of the majority and continue working together for the good of the education of our students. We all have different views and values but opposition should never result in the board not being professional.

9. Working effectively with other school board members and the superintendent requires skills in communication and decision-making. How do you see yourself working with other members of the leadership team?

Communication is essential to my professional career, as well as working with others that have different viewpoints, objectives and backgrounds. In 20 years of military service, and 20 years of teaching I demonstrated my ability to work with others, seeking input, and working through objections.

10. How do you view the relationship between the board of education and the administration/staff?

While the Board needs to be informed, understand what is occurring in the districts, know the concerns of the district, students and staff, it is NOT the role of the board to be involved in daily operations, interfere with the educational delivery in classrooms, or unnecessarily inhibit daily operations.

11. If appointed to the board, would you seek re-election when the appointment expires?

Yes.

12. Identify a recent board decision that you felt strongly about and describe how you would balance community concerns, student needs, state and federal law, staff considerations and your personal value and beliefs to determine how to vote on the issue.

It was a great board decision to put programs in place to help the children in our district. I.e. food distribution, summer camps and clothing closets. The construction of the walking track near Robbie Hall Parker is a great asset to the community. I would balance out community concerns and the needs of our children by attending events and going into the neighborhoods to hear the concerns of the community as I do now.

13. What do you believe are highlights of the district?

We do have a 'family" based community. The small school district provides a close level of support for many students and staff that they won't receive in larger districts.

14. How can the board be more accessible to the community?

It is a positive move to return to broadcasting the Board meetings. Our Board should be more visible in the community. Being transparent is always a way to go.

15. Do you understand the role of the superintendent? Describe the superintendent's role.

Yes. The Superintendent is our "CEO" essentially, and is responsible for the daily operations of the district, for carrying out the direction of the Board, implementing policies set by the Board, and ensuring the matters that must be addressed are properly reviewed and presented to the Board to ensure a safe, supportive and open environment to allow our students to succeed academically, socially and physically.

16. What is your vision for education in this community?

Change! Challenging, Creative, Competitive. We need to shed the old and put on a new face. Stronger curriculum. More CTE programs.