

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Education of the Clinton Central School District, Oneida County, New York, held on August 22, 2018.

Present:

(Board)

(Administration)

Mary Lou Lauchert, President  
Timothy Thomas, Vice-president  
Megan Burdick  
Melinda Leising  
Luke Perry  
Erica Shaw

Dr. Stephen L. Grimm, Superintendent  
Dr. Matthew Lee, High School Principal  
Dr. Shaun Carney, Middle School Principal  
Mrs. Ellen Leuthauser, Elementary School  
Principal  
Mrs. Kathy Fonda, Director of Pupil Personnel  
Services  
Mrs. Debora Van Slyke, Director of  
Curriculum and Instruction

District Clerk: Julia A. Scranton

Absent: Sam Catterson

1. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Lauchert called the meeting to order at 5:45pm.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. READING OF THE MISSION STATEMENT

Clinton Central School proudly educates and empowers students to realize their potential and become thoughtful, contributing members of society.

5. WORKSHOP/RETREAT

A. Discussion of District Goals

Dr. Grimm began by displaying the meeting agenda and discussion topics. District goals for 2017-18, the District Mission and Vision statements, and Vision 2020 were reviewed.

Each building principal was given the opportunity to report on the progress made toward the implementation of 2017-2018 building goals, successes, shortfalls, and anticipated action that will continue to move instruction forward. All buildings are focused on upcoming changes to State standards.

Elementary principal Ellen Leuthauser reported success with Guided Reading and Math, Interactive Read Aloud, and with the WINN program in meeting students individualized needs. Ongoing implementation, with a focus on writing, along with continued professional development for teachers, is planned. A variety of tools including Fountas and Pinnell, Journeys, and Leveled Literacy have are being used or piloted. Character education driven by the "Love Your People" philosophy is a focus.

Dr. Shaun Carney, middle school principal, reported that teachers have been working to improve math curriculum and are excited about the results. Devising developmentally appropriate strategies to engage students in healthy relationships with teachers, including those in other grade levels, and offering opportunities for extra-curricular connections has been a focus. The "Schools to Watch" application is in process and will be completed by the end of this school year. The development of a Behavior Handbook continues.

Dr. Matt Lee, high school principal, reported that students achieved 95% proficiency on all Regents exams, the best results in 7 years, and reached the goal of 97% proficiency in all courses. The use of flow charts to specifically identify issues in Curriculum, Instruction, or Assessment yielded positive results. Accountability measures imposed using academic detention positively impacted achievement.

A plan is being created to develop communication skills with 9th grade students, public speaking with 10<sup>th</sup> grade students, money management and interview skills with 11<sup>th</sup> grade students, and problem solving with 12<sup>th</sup> grade students. Teaching writing skills using "The Writing Revolution" as a model is being implemented. Teacher training will take place this year.

Board members then discussed new or revised goals for 2018-2019. Most of the changes suggested involved Goal #2 which adds clarity to the way curriculum, instruction and assessments are developed and delivered. Goal #5 was revised to direct the District to evaluate communication tools. It was suggested that the Mission and Vision statements be reviewed by the Policy Committee to better align with the new goals. It was noted that the development of a new strategic plan should begin next year.

Dr. Grimm suggested that Board members take these new goals into consideration when developing the Superintendent's goals.

Dr. Grimm then distributed certificates awarded by the School Board Institute to current and former Board members for completing a large number of professional development courses/ hours. Recipients included Melinda Leising, Luke Perry, Amy Franz, Mary Lou Lauchert, and Dr. Grimm.

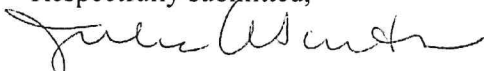
#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Ms. Shaw, seconded by Mr. Perry, and carried (6, 0) to go into executive discuss the employment history of an individual and student discipline. The time was 8:05pm.

A motion was made Ms. Shaw, seconded by Mr. Perry, and carried (6, 0) to return to regular session. The time was 9:19 pm.

A motion was made by Ms. Burdick, seconded by Ms. Leising to adjourn the meeting. The time was 9:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Julia A. Scranton  
District Clerk