Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Education of the Clinton Central School District, Oneida County, New York, held on May 12, 2015.

Present:
(Administration)
Dr. Stephen L. Grimm, Superintendent
Joseph Barretta, Assistant Superintendent for Business
Matthew Lee, High School Principal
Shaun Carney, Middle School Principal
Steven Marcus, Elementary School Principal

Mary Lou Lauchert, President
Courtney Zoller, Vice-president
Megan Burdick
Amy Franz
William Huggins
Erica Shaw

Julia A. Scranont, District Clerk

Absent: Tim Thomas

1. BOARD OF EDUCATION CANDIDATES FORUM

The three candidates for the two Board of Education seat vacancies, Matthew Van Slyke, Amy Franz (incumbent) and Courtney Zoller (incumbent), were introduced. Discussion was monitored by members of the League of Women Voters. Candidates gave statements regarding their background, intentions, commitment, goals and values. Attendees were given the opportunity to ask questions which each candidate answered in turn. The District appreciates the assistance of the members of the League.

2. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Lauchert called the meeting to order at 7:18 pm.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

4. READING OF THE MISSION STATEMENT

Ms. Lauchert read the mission statement.

5. PUBLIC TO BE HEARD

Students Fritz and Betsy Gale asked the Board to explore the possibility of installing a new outdoor basketball court to benefit students and community members.

6. INFORMATION-REPORTS-PROPOSAL/SUPERINTENDENT & STAFF

A. Bright Spots – Dr. Stephen Grimm and Principals

Middle School PE teacher Christina Buschmann presented certificates of recognition to several students for acting as “Upstanders” by helping to diffuse difficult situations for other students. Students recognized include Skylar Jones, Sienna Huther, Madeleine Eli, Antonio Femia, Ricky Heintz, Juliet Weinburg, Breanna Schremmer, Lexie Highers, Nina Holstei, Tyler Shaw, Lizzie Watten, Victoria Vuocolo, Joshua Wilcox, Faith Sykes, Sara Keville, Kaitlyn Williams, Gloria Kramer, Noelle Pape, Jack Drezja and Gabrielle Lewis.
Middle School art teacher Amy Pape presented a slide show of students and their winning art projects. Several CCS teams placed highly at the Olympics of the Visual Arts held in Saratoga Springs on April 30th.

Middle School social studies teacher Ed Waskiewicz was recognized for his successful organization and implementation of an educational and meaningful eighth grade trip. Students visited the Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum and the 9/11 Memorial where they were able to hear the 911 call made by Clinton resident Edward Felt who sacrificed his life on September 11th.

Board member Bill Huggins was honored by the Mohawk Valley Engineer’s Executive Council for outstanding engineering professionalism in his position at Hamilton College.

Elementary Principal Steve Marcus recognized substitute custodian and volunteer Glen Roberts for his positive influence on a particular student. Mr. Roberts is an example of how all staff contributes to making CCS a school of excellence.

Middle School Principal Shaun Carney agreed that the eighth grade trip was an incredible learning experience for students on many levels and congratulated Mr. Waskiewicz on for his role in executing a well-organized event. He thanked the many teachers and parent volunteers for their assistance and students for their good behavior.

High School Principal Matt Lee congratulated social studies teacher Kathy Glickman for being chosen by students as the Rotary Teacher of Excellence. He also thanked the PTA for putting on a wonderful staff luncheon on May 1st. Health teachers Thad Lawrence and Mary Beth King held a Teen Traffic Safety Day that included information and demonstrations that sent a strong message to students about safe driving. This is particularly timely since the Prom and Senior Ball are soon to occur.

B. Girls Hockey Program

Board members received information about Clinton’s possible participation in a regional Girls Hockey Program, with Utica as the lead district and the Clinton Arena as its home ice. The program would be a booster funded model similar to the Mohawk Valley Raiders Hockey program that is approaching its third year. The effort is being spearheaded by Mr. Chris Militello. He is confident that interest is high and community support is in place.

C. Budget Hearing

Dr. Grimm began by reviewing the CCS Mission and Vision Statements that drive budget planning, aligning with strategic goals. Financial challenges include reduced aid, the Gap Elimination Adjustment, stagnant economic growth, and political platforms. He outlined the process used to develop the budget that gave all stakeholders the opportunity for involvement, with a goal of being both educationally and fiscally responsible. Expenses were reduced by $529,299 over a number of non-instructional areas. Additional expenses of $226,000 are driven by student need. The overall result represents 4.97% increase in spending. The $1,237,642 shortfall will be made up through the use of $550,000 fund balance, state aid, and a tax levy of 3.52%, 1.68% of which is the current Capital Project expense approved by voters in February of 2013.
A second proposition for the purchase of three 66 passenger buses at a cost of $335,000 will also be on the ballot. After transportation aid and maintenance savings, the local net cost will be $27,329.

7. STANDING RESOLUTIONS (CONSENT AGENDA)

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

A motion was made by Ms. Zoller, seconded by Mr. Huggins, and carried (6, 0) to approve items 7A through 7F.

A. Agenda and Any Additions to the Agenda for May 12, 2015

B. Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on April 21, 2015

C. Minutes from the Special Meeting held on April 28, 2015

D. Summary Treasurer’s Report

E. Treasurer’s Report for March 2015

F. Updated List of Substitute and Supervisory Personnel

8. NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Ms. Shaw, seconded by Ms. Franz, and carried (6, 0) to approve the following resolution with one reading:

A. Policy

1. BE IT RESOLVED that Policy #2310, Regular Meetings, be adopted.

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

B. BE IT RESOLVED that the contract between Clinton Central Schools and the Jamesville-Dewitt Central School District in the amount of $229.40 for Health and Welfare Services provided for one student who is a Clinton resident attending Manlius-Pebble Hill for the 2014-2015 school year, be approved.

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

C. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education accepts the following donations for the Elementary Playground Project:

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

D. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education accepts the attached list of donations for the Clinton Central School District’s Fitness Center:

   $1,290  TA085Fitness Center

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

E. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the disposal of the attached list of obsolete property (books).

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

F. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the disposal of the attached list of obsolete property (projectors).

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

G. BE IT RESOLVED that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the change order for National Building and Restoration Corporation in the amount of $107,689.70 for additional masonry work on the Middle School tower, be approved.

9. PUBLIC TO BE HEARD

   No one wished to speak.

10. PERSONNEL

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

   A. BE IT RESOLVED that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the extension of unpaid family care leave for Elizabeth O’Mara, high school math teacher, from September 1, 2015 to February 1, 2016, be approved.

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

   B. BE IT RESOLVED that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the unpaid family care leave for Jennifer Labella, elementary reading teacher, in accordance with the current CTA agreement, beginning on or about September 21, 2015 through June 30, 2017, be approved.

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

   C. BE IT RESOLVED that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the unpaid leave for Kayla McDonough for May 27, 2015 through May 29, 2015, be approved.
A motion was made by Ms. Zoller, seconded by Mr. Huggins, and carried (6, 0) to approve the following resolution:

D. BE IT RESOLVED that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Tech Prep Team Leader stipend of $500 for Ryan O’Rourke, Technology Teacher, be approved.

NOTE: The District receives a grant of $1000 from OHM BOCES to fund this program, $500 of which is designated for the Team Leader stipend.

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

E. BE IT RESOLVED that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the appointment of Sean Tague to the civil service position of cleaner to be compensated at Step 5 in accordance with the current CSEA agreement, with a probationary period of 8 to 26 weeks, effective May 13, 2015, be approved.

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

F. BE IT RESOLVED that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following fall coaching appointments for the 2015-2016 school year, to be compensated in accordance with Article 14 of the CTA contract, pending fingerprint clearance, be approved.

Juan Reyes Boys Modified Soccer Coach $1932.35
Bruce Curtis Boys Varsity Football Assistant Coach $3091.76

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

G. BE IT RESOLVED that the resignation of Kathleen Hepler, special education teacher in the Elementary School, effective June 30, 2015 be accepted with regret.

11. QUESTIONS BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Board discussed the upcoming meeting schedule. It was decided that the May 26th meeting will be canceled, and June meetings will occur on the 9th and the 23rd.

12. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Huggins, seconded by Ms. Shaw, and carried (5, 0) to adjourn the meeting. The time was 9:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Julia A. Scranton
District Clerk