

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Education of the Clinton Central School District, Oneida County, New York, held on August 18, 2020, online via Zoom.

Present:

(Board)

Ms. Mary Lou Lauchert, President
Ms. Melinda Leising, Vice-president
Ms. Megan Burdick
Mr. Sam Catterson, arriving late
Mr. Kevin Magdon
Dr. Luke Perry
Ms. Erica Shaw

District Clerk: Julia A. Scranton

(Administration)

Dr. Stephen L. Grimm, Superintendent
Mr. Joseph Barretta, Assistant Superintendent
for Business
Mrs. Debora Van Slyke, Director of
Curriculum and Instruction
Ms. Kathleen Fonda, Director of Pupil
Personnel Services
Ms. Ellen Leuthauser, Elementary School
Principal
Dr. Shaun Carney, Middle School Principal
Dr. Matthew Lee, High School Principal

1. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Lauchert called the meeting to order at 5:36pm.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. READING OF THE MISSION STATEMENT

Ms. Lauchert read the mission statement.

4. PUBLIC TO BE HEARD

No one wished to speak.

5. STANDING RESOLUTIONS (CONSENT AGENDA)

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

A. Agenda and Any Additions to the Agenda for August 25, 2020

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

B. Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on August 11 , 2020

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

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

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

6. NEW BUSINESS

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

A. Policy

1. BE IT RESOLVED that draft policy 0000, Mission and Vision Statements, be adopted.
NOTE: This is a second reading and adoption.

7. OTHER

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

- A. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education adopts the proposed District Strategic Goals for 2020-2021.

8. PUBLIC TO BE HEARD

No one wished to speak.

9. BOARD OF EDUCATION WORKSHOP

A. Opening of School

Dr. Grimm began by reminding the Board that, although the plan is collaboratively crafted and recommended by the Superintendent, Board guidance and agreement is essential. He reviewed the communication plan that includes public town hall meetings, staff meetings, surveys, and tonight's Board of Education workshop.

Mr. Catterson arrived at 5:46pm.

Parents are being asked to choose either 100% remote or hybrid learning for their student through a survey due back to the District by August 21st. Difficult choices, none of them perfect, had to be made with negative perceptions to be expected.

The plan consists of 14 parts, each addressing a particular topic or set of protocols. Dr. Grimm reviewed questions submitted by staff and community members, each answered, or investigated further. Board members discussed details regarding hot spots, dependability of technology, mask requirements, the

mitigation of asymptomatic carriers, testing, use of fans and outside space, lunch accommodations and transportation. Much depends on the result of the August 21st commitment survey after which details can be solidified. Plans will continue to be tailored according to building and grade level needs. Information from area Superintendents and guidance from the Oneida County Health Department will play heavily into operations which will be continually modified as the school year progresses.

Dr. Grimm reported that concerns raised at staff meetings are being addressed, and accommodations will be made for those who are struggling. Board members agreed that flexibility is key, and that it is crucial for teachers to feel comfortable so that they can perform to the best of their abilities. Resources and professional development have been provided to teachers over the spring and summer months.

Dr. Grimm assured members that this first iteration of the re-opening plan is manageable, and will allow school to resume on September 8th.

Board members expressed support for the plan, and appreciation for the effort put into planning by the Superintendent, administrators, and staff members.

10. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ms. Burdick, seconded by Ms. Shaw, and carried (7, 0) to adjourn the meeting. The time was 8:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Julia A. Scranton
District Clerk