

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Clinton Central School District, Oneida County, New York, held on November 17, 2020, online via Zoom.

Present:

(Board)

(Administration)

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

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

District Clerk: Julia A. Scranton

Absent: Mr. Kevin Magdon

1. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Lauchert called the meeting to order at 5:34pm

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. INFORMATION-REPORTS-PROPOSAL/SUPERINTENDENT & STAFF

A. Bright Spots

Dr. Grimm began by calling attention to the new CCS Facebook page, developed by PR Assistant Alyssa Sacco, which is helping to keep the community informed.

Elementary principal Ellen Leuthauser reported that Ms. Paige Culver’s fifth grade class took a virtual field trip to the Wellin Museum at Hamilton College where student docents led them through current installations. A related project will be shared in a follow-up visit occurring in December. Trout egg hatching is underway and the kiln is ready for use in the art room. Students celebrated the work of favorite author Mo Willems during the month of “Mo-vement”, and, as part of the Positivity Project, are exploring character strengths, and are journaling about gratitude. Staff members held a “Jeans Day” to raise awareness about Type 1 diabetes and raised

\$129 to be donated toward the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. The family of Nicholas Venero who is dealing with this disease raised \$12,330 for the cause.

Middle school principal Dr. Shaun Carney reported that 17 middle school students participated in a Positivity Project training session facilitated by NYS project leaders. Those students will begin piloting a zoom peer mentoring program in both the middle and elementary schools. The program will be overseen by school social workers Monica Moshier and Rachel Grisham, and guidance counselor Danielle Tesak.

Seventh grade students took a field trip to colonial Jamestown using virtual reality headsets. Teacher Judi Scoones served as the tour guide. Six middle school students participated in an online philosophy class offered by Hamilton College students where they addressed self-reflective topics.

Dr. Matt Lee, high school principal, reported that the National Honor Society Induction was held in the theater, audience-free, maintaining safety protocols. The event was filmed and will be streamed to families of the recipients. A blood drive will be held on the afternoon of November 25th, allowing community participation. Students in teacher Maggie Steele's class made cards for Veterans that were distributed at food pantries and were greatly appreciated.

B. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Grimm, Superintendent, and building principals presented, for this point in the school year, a Plus/Delta snapshot in the areas of communication, technology, instruction, transportation, facilities and cleaning. At all levels, presenters agreed that collaboration, creativity, and flexibility are crucial in order to accommodate daily changes. Some diagnostic tools cannot be implemented virtually, hence alternative processes are required. Although teachers have adapted well to virtual learning, technological glitches can interrupt learning. All agree, especially at the secondary level, that online student engagement and achievement is not where it should be. Using Wednesdays for in-person intervention may help.

The goal of having increased in-person instruction presents challenges, as does keeping students engaged in activities to meet socio-emotional needs. Ideas toward improvement include increased live-streaming, peer mentoring and continued PD support for teachers. An all-hands-on-deck approach has been necessary, and administrators are grateful to non-instructional staff for their vigilance, and to parents/guardians for their support and flexibility.

Internal and External Communication

Dr. Grimm presented the long list of players, both internal and external, involved in decision making processes particularly as it applies to COVID, which he oversees, ranging from the school to the county, and on to the state level. Since the onset of the pandemic, structures and communication tools have been put in place to facilitate the flow of information.

He continued to explain where the District now stands with addressing the middle school Targeted School for Improvement designation. A District Comprehensive Improvement Plan was submitted to the state in August and a School Comprehensive Education Plan is due by the end of December. Needs assessment surveys and school team meetings will occur over the next few weeks. Implementation is planned for the first of January with Board approval occurring in December or early January.

6. STANDING RESOLUTIONS (CONSENT AGENDA)

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

A motion was made by Ms. Burdick, seconded by Ms. Shaw, and carried (6, 0) to approve items 6A through 6J.

- A. Agenda and Any Additions to the Agenda for November 17, 2020
- B. Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on October 27, 2020
- C. Internal Claims Auditor Report
- D. Summary Treasurer’s Report for October 2020
- E. Treasurer’s Report for October 2020
- F. Executive Summary for October 2020
- G. Revenues/expenditures by Month
- H. Extra-classroom Treasurer’s Report for October 2020
- I. Committee on Preschool Special Education and Committee on Special Education (CSE) Report:

Initial Review	1
Program Review	4
Annual Review	0
Reevaluation (Triennial)	1
Administrative Transfer	1
Preschool	1
504 Review	3
504 Initial	0
Amendment w/o Meeting Held	1
- J. Updated List of Substitute and Supervisory Personnel

7. COMMITTEE/LIAISON REPORTS

- A. Committees
 - 1. Policy Committee

Dr. Perry reported that the Policy Committee continues to work through NYSSBA policy update recommendations, many that focus on inclusivity.
- B. Liaisons
 - 1. School Board Institute

Ms. Burdick attended a presentation by the Ferrara Law Firm that provided COVID-19

updates specific to schools. It was recommended that the New York State Department of Health Pre K-12 Tool Kit be consulted for guidance. A presentation by a representative from the Association of School Business Officials addressed the impact on students of pending state aid cuts. The next SBI meeting will take place on January 28th.

8. NEW BUSINESS

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

A. Policy

1. BE IT RESOLVED that draft policy #8210, Use of Security Cameras in the District, be adopted.

NOTE: This is the second reading and adoption.

2. BE IT RESOLVED that draft policy #5151, Homeless Children, be adopted.

NOTE: This is the second reading and adoption.

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

B. RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE FILING OF RETURN TAX CLAIMS

WHEREAS the Education Law provides that the tax collector shall be relieved of responsibility for the uncollected portion of the tax list when a complete list of the delinquent tax items have been certified to the Board of Education and since the collector has affixed his affidavit to such statement and has filed a statement accounting for the handling of the tax warrant and list as follows:

TOWN	ASSESSED VALUE	TAX RATE PER \$1000	AMOUNT TAX LEVY	TOTAL TAXES COLLECTED	TOTAL TAXES RETURNED TO COUNTY
Marshall	\$9,680,439.00	\$38.69	\$331,530.98	\$327,432.34	\$4,098.64
Paris	\$765,808.00	\$28.22	\$18,350.18	\$15,271.15	\$3,079.03
Vernon	\$1,811,668.00	\$37.19	\$62,171.30	\$59,014.25	\$3,157.05
Westmoreland	\$16,653,708.00	\$41.36	\$637,057.75	\$590,301.12	\$46,756.63
Kirkland	\$317,584,925.00	\$42.09	\$12,180,000.96	\$11,706,855.01	473,145.95
New Hartford	\$47,376,925.00	\$33.32	\$1,221,161.14	\$1,207,496.50	\$13,664.64
Whitestown	\$956,432.00	\$41.36	\$34,758.96	\$32,351.08	\$2,407.88
TOTAL	\$394,829,905.00		\$14,485,031.27	\$13,938,721.45	\$546,309.82

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

- C. BE IT RESOLVED, that the following tax bill revisions be approved:**

Resident, tax map #327.002-1-3.3, a decrease of \$523.82.

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

D. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN COOPERATIVE ENERGY PURCHASING SERVICE (NYSMEC) FOR ELECTRICITY

WHEREAS, Article 5-G of the New York State General Municipal Law authorizes municipal corporations to enter into cooperative agreements for the performance or exercise of services, functions, powers or activities on a cooperative or contract basis among themselves or one for the other, and

WHEREAS, Section 119-n of the General Municipal Law defines the term "municipal corporation" for the purposes of Article 5-G as a county outside the city of New York, a city, a town, a village, a board of cooperative educational services, a fire district or a school district; and

WHEREAS, Clinton Central School District, (hereinafter sometimes referred to as "Participant") is a "municipal corporation" as defined above; and

WHEREAS, this Board wishes for this municipal corporation to become or remain a Participant pursuant to the Municipal Cooperation Agreement For Energy Purchasing Services dated the 1st day of May 2005 (the "Agreement"), among municipal corporations collectively identified as the New York School and Municipal Energy Consortium ("NYSMEC") upon the terms of the Agreement and further wishes to authorize participation as an energy consumer as specified below.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this Board hereby determines that it is in the interests of the Clinton Central School District to participate in the NYSMEC, and authorizes and directs Mr. Joseph Barretta, Assistant Superintendent for Business, to sign the Agreement/and or the Billing Schedule and Agreement for electricity on its behalf; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Board authorizes the Administrative Participant (as defined in the Agreement) to prepare, advertise, disseminate and open bids pursuant to the General Municipal Law and to award, execute and deliver binding contracts on behalf of this

Board for the purchase of electricity delivered to the delivery point of the local utility distribution company for the Participant's facility or facilities, on a firm basis, for this Participant to the lowest responsible bidder as is determined by the Administrative Participant at a price for such commodity electricity not to exceed \$0.0736 cents per kWh for a term of at least one year and no more than three years commencing May 1, 2021, and other terms and conditions, all as may be determined by the Administrative Participant, or to reject any or all such bids; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Participant agrees to advertise said bid as may be directed by the Administrative Participant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the officers and employees of this Participant are authorized to execute such other confirming agreements, certificates and other documents and take such other actions as may be necessary or appropriate to carry out the intent of this resolution.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

E. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN COOPERATIVE ENERGY PURCHASING SERVICE (NYSMEC) FOR NATURAL GAS

WHEREAS, Article 5-G of the New York State General Municipal Law authorizes municipal corporations to enter into cooperative agreements for the performance or exercise of services, functions, powers or activities on a cooperative or contract basis among themselves or one for the other, and

WHEREAS, Section 119-n of the General Municipal Law defines the term "municipal corporation" for the purposes of Article 5-G as a county outside the city of New York, a city, a town, a village, a board of cooperative educational services, a fire district or a school district; and

WHEREAS, Clinton Central School District is a "municipal corporation" as defined above; and

WHEREAS, this Board wishes for this municipal corporation to become or remain a Participant pursuant to the Municipal Cooperation Agreement For Energy Purchasing Services dated the 1st day of May, 2005 (the "Agreement"), among municipal corporations collectively identified as the New York School and Municipal Energy Consortium ("NYSMEC") upon the terms of the Agreement and further wishes to authorize participation as an energy consumer as specified below.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this Board hereby determines that it is in the interests of the Clinton Central School District to participate in the NYSMEC, and authorizes and directs Mr. Joseph Barretta, Assistant Superintendent for Business, to sign the Agreement/and or the Billing Schedule and Agreement for natural gas on its behalf; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Board authorizes the Administrative Participant (as defined in the Agreement) to prepare, advertise, disseminate and open bids pursuant to the General Municipal Law and to award, execute and deliver binding contracts on behalf of this Board for the purchase of natural gas delivered to the city gate of the local utility distribution company for the Participant's facility or facilities, on a firm basis, for this Participant to the lowest responsible bidder as is determined by the Administrative Participant at a price for such commodity natural gas not to exceed \$0.583 cents per therm for a term of at least one year and no more than three years commencing May 1, 2021, and other terms and conditions, all as may be determined by the Administrative Participant, or to reject any or all such bids; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Participant agrees to advertise said bid as may be directed by the Administrative Participant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the officers and employees of this Participant are authorized to execute such other confirming agreements, certificates and other documents and take such other actions as may be necessary or appropriate to carry out the intent of this resolution.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

9. OTHER

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

A. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the proposed 2021-2022 budget development calendar be approved.

10. PUBLIC TO BE HEARD

No one wished to speak.

11. PERSONNEL

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

- A. BE IT RESOLVED that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the resignation of Jason Tague from the position of senior custodian, contingent upon his appointment as head custodian, effective November 17, 2020, be approved.

A motion was made by Ms. Burdick, 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 appointment of Jason Tague to the position of head custodian, to be compensated at an annual salary of \$39,018.78, effective November 18, 2020, in accordance with the current CSEA agreement, be approved.

A motion was made by Ms. Shaw, seconded by Ms. Leising, 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 Angela Thieme from the position of account clerk, contingent upon her appointment as senior account clerk, effective November 17, 2020, be approved.

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

- D. BE IT RESOLVED that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the appointment of Angela Thieme to the position of senior account clerk, to be compensated at an annual salary of \$37,489.95, effective November 18, 2020, in accordance with the current CSEA agreement, be approved.

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

- E. BE IT RESOLVED that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the resignation of Nicole Ruddy from the position of Girls Varsity Ice Hockey Coach, effective immediately, be accepted with regret.

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

- F. BE IT RESOLVED that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following coaching appointments for the 2020-2021 school year, to be compensated in accordance with Article 14 of the CTA contract or other agreements/understandings between the District and CTA, pending team formation, be approved.

Melissa	Lomanto	Girls	Varsity Ice Hockey Head Coach
Michelle	Van Slyke	Girls	Varsity Ice Hockey Volunteer
Michael	Hayduk, Sr.	Boys	Varsity Basketball Volunteer

Steve	Morse	Girls	Varsity Basketball Volunteer
Joseph	Leibl	Boys	JV Basketball Volunteer
Joseph	Grabski	Boys	Varsity Ice Hockey Volunteer

12. QUESTIONS BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

A. NYSSBA Virtual Convention

Ms. Leising shared that her virtual conference experience, although lacking in opportunities for personal networking, was still valuable. Many sessions focused on equity and inclusivity. She was particularly interested in learning about an international virtual student exchange program, and a cultural awareness program implemented by a school district in Long Island.

Ms. Lauchert added that she attended keynote presentations. A session addressing the recruitment of teachers belonging to minority groups was interesting. An advantage of having virtual offerings is that participants have the capability to go back and participate in additional sessions that were originally missed. Board member Kevin Magdon also attended the conference.

Ms. Leising asked about the filling of the high school part-time Spanish teaching vacancy. Dr. Grimm explained that a highly qualified substitute teacher is presently fulfilling that need, which had previously been filled by a BOCES itinerant teacher. A more permanent solution is still being explored.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION AND ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ms. Burdick, seconded by Ms. Leising, and carried (6, 0) to adjourn the meeting. The time was 7:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Julia A. Scranton
District Clerk

