

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Education of the Clinton Central School District, Oneida County, New York, held on April 13, 2021 online via Zoom.

Present:

(Board)

(Administration)

Ms. Mary Lou Lauchert, President
Ms. Melinda Leising, Vice-president
Mr. Sam Catterson
Mr. Kevin Magdon
Dr. Luke Perry

Dr. Stephen L. Grimm, Superintendent
Mr. Joseph Barretta, Assistant Superintendent
for Business
Ms. Ellen Leuthauser, Elementary Principal
Ms. Debora Van Slyke, Director of Curriculum
and Instruction
Ms. Kathleen Fonda, Director of Pupil
Personnel Services

Ms. Julia A Scranton, District Clerk

Absent: Ms. Megan Burdick and Ms. Erica Shaw, Board Members

1. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Lauchert called the meeting to order at 5:32pm.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. READING OF THE MISSION STATEMENT

Ms. Lauchert read the Mission Statement. She reminded attendees that this is not a regular meeting. After the Board takes action on a few business items, a budget workshop will commence.

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 (5, 0) to combine items 5A through D.

A motion was made by Mr. Magdon, seconded by Mr. Catterson, and carried (5, 0) to approve items 5A through D.

A. Agenda and Any Additions to the Agenda for April 13, 2021

B. Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on March 23, 2021

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

Initial Review	1
Program Review	0
Annual Review	0
Reevaluation (Triennial)	0
Administrative Transfer	0
Preschool	3
504 Review	0
504 Initial	0
Amendment w/o Meeting Held	1

D. Updated List of Substitute and Supervisory Personnel

6. NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Dr. Perry, seconded by Ms. Leising, and carried (5, 0) to approve item 6A1.

A. Policy

1. BE IT RESOLVED that draft policy #8131, Pandemic Planning, be adopted.

NOTE: This is the second reading and adoption.

2. BE IT RESOLVED that draft policy #4765, Online, Distance and Remote Learning, be adopted.

NOTE: This is the second reading. No action necessary.

7. OTHER

A motion was made by Ms. Leising, seconded by Mr. Magdon, and carried (5, 0) to approve the following resolution:

- A. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the revised calendar for the 2020-2021 school year be approved.

8. PERSONNEL

A motion was made by Dr. Perry, seconded by Mr. Catterson, and carried (5, 0) to approve the following resolution:

- A. WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Clinton Central School District, Oneida County, New York, has called a special district meeting of the qualified voters of said School District to be held on the 18th day of May, 2021; and

WHEREAS, it is now desired to provide for the appointment of a chairperson and inspectors of election for the special district meeting to be compensated in accordance with the agreement between the Oneida County Board of Elections and the Clinton Central School District;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Clinton Central School District, Oneida County, New York, as follows:

Section 1. Shirley Knop, duly qualified voter of said School District is hereby appointed as the chairperson of the special district meeting referred to in the preambles hereof.

Section 2. The following named qualified voters of said School District are hereby appointed to act as inspectors of election at said special district meeting:

INSPECTORS: Patricia Palladino, Gil Palladino, Shirley Knop, Dottie Kalies, Diana Huss, Joanna Huss, Karen Winkler, Steven Marcus and Linda Hauschildt.

A motion was made by Ms. Leising, seconded by Dr. Perry, and carried (5, 0) to approve the following resolution:

- B. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby appoints the following individual to serve in a limited term, non-probationary or tenure appointment as a licensed teaching assistant beginning April 12, 2021 through the remainder of the 2020-21 school year, to be compensated in accordance with the current CTA agreement, ending no later than June 25, 2021 and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the terms of signed waiver agreement by and between the following individual, the District and the Clinton Teachers Association, stipulating and confirming that such individual is not being appointed to probationary positions as licensed teaching assistants:

Loren Dachary

A motion was made by Dr. Perry, seconded by Mr. Catterson, and carried (5, 0) to approve the following resolution:

- C. BE IT RESOLVED, that the following individuals are appointed to temporary appointments as follows for the period beginning April 12, 2021 to be compensated in accordance with the current CSEA agreement. Their employment is temporary in nature for the balance of the 2020-21 school year and shall end no later than June 25, 2021.

Vanessa Parise and Kayla Russum: Temporary Aides
Erika Goodwillie: Temporary School Monitor

A motion was made by Ms. Leising, seconded by Mr. Magdon, and carried (5, 0) to approve the following resolution:

- D. BE IT RESOLVED that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the increase from 0.375 FTE to 0.4 FTE for Thad Lawrence, physical education teacher, beginning April 12, 2021 for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year, be approved.

NOTE: This is due to a change in scheduling.

A motion was made by Dr. Perry, seconded by Mr. Catterson, and carried (5, 0) to approve the following resolution:

- E. BE IT RESOLVED that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the unpaid internship for Patricia Shiebler, Hamilton College student, beginning April 12, 2021 through May 28, 2021, under the supervision of high school science teacher Tayler Clark, be approved.

A motion was made by Ms. Leising, seconded by Mr. Catterson, and carried (5, 0) to approve the following resolution:

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

Fran	Altieri	Girls	Modified Lacrosse Head Coach
Joe	Gale	Girls	Modified Lacrosse Volunteer
John	Majka	Boys	Varsity Baseball Volunteer
Melissa	Lomanto	Girls	Modified Softball Head Coach
Rylee	Meelan	Co-ed	Modified Track & Field Assistant Coach
Michael	Delia	Girls	JV Lacrosse Volunteer

9A. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Community Partner

Dr. Grimm called attention to the assistance received by community business Proforma Full Circle with the purchase of polycarbonate barriers for science and computer tables. Owner John Costanza found a supplier and, on April 9, drove to NYC to pick up the order so that it could be installed over the weekend by our custodians in time for the April 12 return of students. Thank you!

Reopening Update

Dr. Grimm reported that the return of students went very smoothly in all three buildings with barriers installed and distancing maintained. Buses were able to accommodate students safely with no extra vehicles needed, largely through the efforts of Jim Scoones and our capable drivers.

New state guidance was received on April 9, a bit late for our purposes, which will be taken into consideration going forward. Safety guidelines have been more than met. Further analysis, and an update and posting of our current safety plan, is forthcoming. Administrators are currently reviewing new guidelines for large ceremonies to determine how moving up and commencement events will be handled.

In response to a question raised by Ms. Leising, Dr. Grimm noted that, depending on where a student sits in a classroom, some visual hindrance can occur due to the reflective nature of the barriers. Hearing issues could be resolved through the use of portable speakers. Feedback from teachers, students and parents will be taken into consideration.

9B. BUDGET WORKSHOP

Dr. Grimm clarified that the Board approves only the expenditure portion of the budget which will be voted upon by the community on May 18. Although, after a period of uncertainty, some additional funding came through, the District needs to be efficient, responsible to taxpayers, and plan for unanticipated and emergency expenditures.

Assistant Superintendent for Business Joseph Barretta reported that, until recently, state aid projections had been in flux. Recent enactments include a \$1.4 billion restoration of Foundation Aid, the largest increase in over 15 years, a plan to fully phase in Foundation Aid over the next three years, and an adjustment to the calculation of student needs measures. Transportation aid will be allowed for the period between March 16 and May 7, 2020. An increase in full day Pre-K funding, of which \$134,864 was designated for Clinton, was part of the state enacted budget. In previous years, Clinton did not qualify, but changes were made recently as to how this is calculated.

Rejected in the state budget were proposals to consolidate expense based aid, to deduct federal stimulus money, and to discontinue prior year aid claims. Clinton also received funding under two stimulus bills: the Coronavirus Response and Relief Appropriations Act (CRRSAs) at \$1,206,372, and the American Rescue Plan Act (APR) at \$1,421,000. More information is forthcoming on how this money can be spent. A plan for the use of APR is required to be submitted to the state by July 1, 2021.

The Finance Committee met on April 6 with Dr. Rick Timbs, the District's Financial Advisor, where fund balances, the Reserve Plan and the Long-range 5 Year Plan were reviewed. Reserves at the end of June will total \$9,589,773. The committee recommends that, in addition to other revenue streams, \$150,000 of ERS reserves and \$550,000 of Fund Balance be used toward the expenditure budget, for a total revenue forecast of \$29,147,253.

Detailed budget analysis resulted in expenditure reductions totaling \$93,000. The District continues to consider the addition of an AIS position in the high school, primarily to support incoming freshman moving up from a TSI designated building, elementary school keyboarding instruction, the vacancy left by the retiring teacher assistant, and master scheduling efficiencies.

Expenses are projected to increase by \$111,860, or .39%, balancing the budget at \$29,147,123 with a projected tax levy decrease of .87%.

Dr. Grimm reviewed elementary school projected enrollment numbers. No reductions in staff are anticipated. He also reviewed tax levy increases over the past 5 and 10 year periods. Except for 2015-2016 when the recently completed Capital Project expense occurred, the levy increase remained under 2%.

The Board will be asked to adopt the expenditure budget at the April 20 meeting.

9. QUESTIONS BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Nothing discussed.

10. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Dr. Perry, seconded by Ms. Leising, and carried (5, 0) to adjourn the meeting. The time was 6:35pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Julia A. Scranton
District Clerk