

**CLINTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES**

The Board of Education regular meeting was called to order at 6:06 p.m. in the high school student center located at 340 E. Michigan Ave., Clinton, Michigan, on Monday, December 16, 2019 by President Kelly Schmidt. The pledge of allegiance was recited, followed by the reading of the district's Mission/Vision/Beliefs.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Steve Clegg; Chad Erickson; Shirley Harris; Kelly Schmidt; Monica VanTuyle; Kevin Ward; Dale Wingerd

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: Wes, Saralyn & Laura Tapp; Brian & Amy Renaldi; Brian & Kristen Conway; Sam Conway; Traci, Ed, Annabelle, Derek & Emma Robinson; Heidi Hampel; Linda Posa; Steven Posa; Tapp Family; Shovels Family; Owen Family Fortney Family; Louis Posa; Jack Hartung; Kathy Machniak; Caitlin Harden; Jessica Johnson; Casey Randolph; Will Felts; David Campbell; Ridge Ahrens; Evan Korunka; Eric Claus; Mimi Scott; Jen Ellis; Kevin Beazley; Jeff Waltz; Jeremy Fielder; Jim Cracraft; Karen Perez

Consent Docket

Chad Erickson moved to approve the consent docket consisting of the minutes from the November 18, 2019 regular meeting; the November 15, 2019 and December 9, 2019 Finance/Building & Grounds meetings; the November 22, 2019 special meeting; the December 2, 2019 Policy Committee; the December 9, 2019 Ad Hoc Legislative Committee; cash positions; monthly budget report; and monthly bills, including payroll. Supported by Kevin Ward. All aye; motion carried.

Student Recognition

Bennett Zbikowski, Martha Owen & Juliet Hernandez were recognized for their participation in the 11th annual Computer Program Competition at Eastern Michigan University.

CHS Top Scholars were recognized: Co-Valedictorians Bennett Zbikowski (4.296) & Steven Posa (4.286), Salutatorian Makayla Fletcher (GPA 4.278), as well as other 4.0+ (GPA) students Samantha Renaldi, Emma Hampel, Steven Fortney, Samuel Conway, Laura Tapp, Annabelle Robinon; Mackenzie Schuch, Megyn Arntz, Emily Evers, Rory Kelly, Katelyn Toner, Dylan Settles, Matthew Waterhouse, Daniel Shovels & Martha Owen.

Staff Presentation

Heidi Kutzley reported on the Michigan School Counselor Association conference that she, Matt Stanfield and Jami Cole attended in November; all counselors were very grateful for the opportunity to attend together.

Colleague of the Month

Jessica Johnson, Strobus Insurance, recognized Kathryn Machniak, Elementary Art Teacher, as Staff Member of the Month.

Policy Review

The September NEOLA packet updates were reviewed. They will be presented again in January for their second review and approval. A complete list is available in the Superintendent's Office.

Strategic Planning

The group has been focused on facilities and is looking at short-term options. There is a workshop scheduled January 8, 2020.

Board Committees

Finance/Building & Grounds – The regular monthly meeting was held, discussing new hires and Chromebooks, work on the softball field in the spring, and the potential for another new bus and van in 2020.

Policy/Bylaws – There have been lots reviewed; next meeting is January 27th.

Superintendent Evaluation – The evaluation will be completed this evening.

LCASB – They talked about the annual dinner and the pre-labor day waiver for the start of school.

Ad Hoc Legislative Committee – The group generated a list of priorities and bills to watch. There was also discussion on looking into the MASB Grassroots workshop.

Public Comment

Casey Randolph and several students thanked the Board for the PE curriculum purchase last month. It has made a welcomed difference in their classes. Jeremy Fielder added his thanks to Casey for his efforts on the project.

Resignations

Resignations were presented from Janet Luckhardt, Bus Driver; Katie Tietsema, 5th Grade; Mike Heinz, Custodial/Maintenance & Facilities Supervisor; and Dennis "Spot" Venia, Transportation Supervisor.

Kevin Ward moved that, in accordance with Policies #3140 (Professional Staff) & #4140 (Support Staff) "Termination & Resignation," the Board formally accept the resignations of

Janet Luckhardt, Katie Tietsema, Michael Heinz and Dennis Venia. Supported by Steve Clegg. All aye; motion carried.

New Hires

Several new hires were presented – Caitlin Harden, Teacher’s Aide; Jack Hartung, Custodial/Maintenance & Facilities Supervisor; George Ames, Transportation Supervisor.

Shirley Harris moved that, in accordance with #4120 “Employment of Support Staff” that Caitlin Harden be hired as a teacher’s aide (paraprofessional) for the 2019-2020 school year, realizing that final employment is contingent on receipt of acceptable certification documentation, including satisfactory fingerprint and background checks. Supported by Chad Erickson. All aye; motion carried.

Dale Wingerd moved that, in accordance with #3120 “Employment of Professional Staff” that Jack Hartung be hired as Custodial/Maintenance & Facilities Supervisor for the 2019-2020 school year, realizing that final employment is contingent on receipt of acceptable certification documentation, including satisfactory fingerprint and background checks. Supported by Kevin Ward. All aye; motion carried.

Kevin Ward moved that, in accordance with #3120 “Employment of Professional Staff” that George Ames be hired as Transportation Supervisor for the 2019-2020 school year, realizing that final employment is contingent on receipt of acceptable certification documentation, including satisfactory fingerprint and background checks. Supported by Chad Erickson. All aye; motion carried.

Overnight Field Trips

The high school overnight trip to Purdue University’s “41st Bridge Bust 2020” on February 20-21, 2020 was presented for approval.

Dale Wingerd moved, in accordance with Policy #2340 “Field and Other District-Sponsored Trips” that approval be given for the overnight trip to Purdue University February 20-21, 2020 as presented. Supported by Shirley Harris. All aye; motion carried.

Chromebooks

This purchase is “per the schedule developed and will come from the Sinking Fund2 and Chromebook Insurance funds. Bids were received from Firefly Computers, Archangel Tablets and Trinity3 Technology. Trinity3 Technology was just shy of being the low bid, but is the recommended vendor as the

district has an established working relationship with them already.

Chad Erickson moved, in accordance with Policy #6320 “Purchasing” that Trinity3 Technology be awarded the purchase for Chromebooks in the amount of \$58,050, with the purchase being split between the Sinking Fund2 and Chromebook Insurance Fund as designated. Supported by Monica VanTuyle. All aye; motion carried.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Administrative Reports

Staff gave their reports, focusing on the following topics:

Preschool: Conferences; new families in January; concert Wednesday.

Elementary School: Holiday concerts; data meetings; surveys committee work.

Middle School: Toys for Tots/Lenawee Humane Society/Homeless donations; Talent Show; SeaPerch/PTLW.

High School: Holiday Parade; Scholar Night; Wizard of Oz; Toys for Tots.

Athletics: Added gratitude for weight room curriculum equipment; scoreboard replacement; congratulations to Brayden Randolph – Football Defensive Player of the Year and receiving his 100th career wrestling win; winter sports are underway!

Assistant Principal: Things are going well; working on developing relationships.

Superintendent: Welcomed the Government class students; survey results; 3-year waiver for pre-labor day; school holiday parade; recruitment.

Closed Session

Monica VanTuyle moved to go into closed session to discuss the Superintendent’s evaluation. Supported by Shirley Harris. Roll Call Vote: Steve Clegg, Aye; Chad Erickson, Aye; Shirley Harris, Aye; Kelly Schmidt, Aye; Monica VanTuyle, Aye; Kevin Ward, Aye; Dale Wingerd, Aye. All aye; motion carried. The Board entered closed session at 7:05 p.m.

Monica VanTuyle moved to exit closed session and return to open session. Supported by Shirley Harris. Roll Call Vote: Steve Clegg, Aye; Chad Erickson, Aye; Shirley Harris, Aye;

Kelly Schmidt, Aye; Monica VanTuyle, Aye; Kevin Ward, Aye; Dale Wingerd, Aye. All aye; motion carried. The Board returned to open session at 7:50 p.m.

Other Discussion

The Board reported no decisions were made in Closed Session; they used the time to work on the Superintendent's evaluation.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Kevin Ward, Secretary