

CLINTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
Board of Education



Board of Education	KELLY SCHMIDT, PRESIDENT CHAD ERICKSON, TRUSTEE SHIRLEY HARRIS, VICE PRESIDENT KEVIN WARD, SECRETARY DALE WINGERD, TRUSTEE STEVE CLEGG, TREASURER MONICA VAN TUYLE, TRUSTEE JAMES CRACRAFT, SUPERINTENDENT
Date & Time:	October 19, 2020 @ 6:06 p.m.
Facilitator:	Kelly Schmidt
Note taker:	Karen Perez
Timekeeper:	Kelly Schmidt
Purpose of Meeting:	Regularly Scheduled School Board Meeting
Others Present	Karen Perez; Don Fry; Katie Bennett; Michael Walters; Mimi Scott; Eric Claus; Kevin Beazley; Jen Ellis; Jeff Waltz; Jeremy Fielder; Mike Dennis; Randy Darnell; Carol Wahl; Jack Hartung; two others/unknown phone numbers.

October 19, 2020

PLEDGE	I. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance ➤ Mission/Vision/Beliefs
SCHOOL BUSINESS	II. Consent Docket III. Staff Member of the Month IV. Spirit Award V. Principal Recognition Month VI. Administrative Reports VII. Strategic Plan Committee Reports VIII. Board Committee Reports IX. Policy Review X. Public Comment
*6:15 p.m.	XI. *Audit Presentation XII. Resolution to Grant Emergency Powers to the Superintendent XIII. Staff Resignations XIV. Winter Coaching Assignments XV. New Hires

PLEDGE

I. Call to Order

Mission

The Mission of Clinton Community Schools is to provide a safe and healthy environment, educating and preparing every person to be explorers and life-long learners.

Vision

The Vision of Clinton Community Schools is to inspire and empower endless possibilities for every person.

Beliefs

- ★ *We Believe Every Person Matters*
- ★ *We Believe a Collaborative Culture Promotes High Achievement and Innovation.*
- ★ *We Believe Successful Schools are a Shared Responsibility of Students, Parents, Staff and Community.*
- ★ *We Believe Every Person has Opportunities to Reach Their Full Potential.*

SCHOOL BUSINESS

II. Consent Docket

Minutes - September 21, 2020 regular meeting

Minutes - October 12, 2020 committee meetings (Policy, Finance & Ad Hoc Legislative)

Cash Positions

Monthly budget report

Monthly bills

Motion to approve the consent docket detailed above.

Made by: Chad Erickson

Supported by: Dale Wingerd

Vote: 7-0; motion passed.

III. Staff Member of the Month

The October Staff member of the month is Rick Weirich, CMS PE/Health/Virtual teacher. The presentation will be made by Jessica Johnson, Strobus Insurance (MEEMIC).

Rich has taken on virtual learning platforms with no prior experience. Not only has he got us (CMS) off and running but he is doing it with exceptional poise and determination to do it well.

This is the first time CMS has offered such a platform so there was much trepidation in our initial walk throughs. But, with confidence, Rick has led the way seemingly as

a pro. This is a huge endeavor that would otherwise be a full-time job. Knowing that, Rick also continues to lead our Health and PE curriculum to new heights.

We are glad he is on our team!

IV. Spirit Award

This month we will honor Pastor Mike Dennis of Riverbend Friends Church for his kindness and willingness to allow our Cross Country teams use of his church property to rejuvenate the Riverbend Friends Church Cross Country course! Mike, along with many Cross Country parents and coaches, have worked tirelessly over the last several months trimming trees, mowing grass, blazing trails through the woods, along with many other tasks to bring back to life the Riverbend course that hadn't hosted a CC meet since the early 2000s. Because of Mike's leadership, we have been able to host four CC meets so far at our new home course at Riverbend and have been assigned to host a Pre-Regional meet on October 24. The course is beautiful and has been the talk of the Cross Country community since the project started. Everyone wants to race there and the course is offering a true challenge to runners of all skill levels. It is wonderful to have our own home course and it simply wouldn't be possible without the guidance and support of Mike Dennis. Thank you!

V. Principal Recognition Month

We are recognizing our building leaders as we do each October in celebration of National Principals Month. October is National Principals Month. Having worked with Michigan school principals for over 33 years and having been an AP or Principal for 17 of those years, I understand the hard work and dedication that goes to running our schools. We are grateful for your service and leadership. Especially during this challenging school year, your commitment and devotion to school and community are keys to the long-term success of your students. On behalf of all Clinton Community Schools stakeholders, thank you.

VI. Administrative Reports

❖ Athletics

- *Football 2-1, and ranked #8 in Division 6 at the current time; Cross Country preparing for deep tournament run (both Girls & Boys are current LCAA Champs!); Soccer earned a #1 seed in their District Tournament; Volleyball continues to battle*
- *Rolling into winter - MHSAA update*
- *Ticket Policy Changes - 30% of outdoor capacity, 20% of indoor - tickets still presold.*

❖ High School

- *LEAD with PRIDE has been reactivated by the student LEADers group led by Carma Roesch, Sarah Douglas and Jamie Salenbien. Staff are getting creative and having fun with it.*
- *Student health screeners app/link will be tested with staff soon then sent to parents for the daily health screening.*

- *State testing continues on 10/14 and 10/28. Heidi has done an amazing job with getting the students set up, administering the tests and still makes time to work with Seniors on FAFSA and college applications and acceptance. Here is her [virtual office link](#)*
- *HS staff/students will have 2 more asynchronous days on test days to accommodate the building safety and administration of state testing.*

❖ **Middle School**

- *Mask compliance is being tested a little with students but parent communication has been beefed up.*
- *Same with student health screeners. We are getting many forgetful parents and students, but as with mask communication, screener communication has been increased.*
- *PRIDE is still alive and well. Staff are getting creative and having a lot of covid friendly fun with it.*
- *Our first PRIDE student of the month nominations are in. Check out on twitter to see the results @ClintonMS_PRIDE.*

❖ **Elementary School**

- *Into Math follow up webinar PD completed on October 6th. Staff are learning to navigate the new curriculum. Some frustrations with learning but also many positives with the assessments and small group recommendations*
- *Staff did a great job of responding to our first positive COVID19 case. The team worked together to gather necessary information, implement plans, communicate with students, families, and the health department. Although obviously not an ideal situation, it went as smoothly as possible. Students were sent home with their devices and school work and were able to access lessons and meetings the next day!*
- *PRIDE continues to be a great tool as our students have been learning many new routines and procedures.*

❖ **Preschool**

- *Thank you Clinton Rotary for supporting our program with a generous school donation of glue sticks and playdough. Also, many thanks to Pat Sturk for her donation of picture books.*
- *Creativity and flexibility has been key in creating preschool memorable moments. Fall Harvest in-house field trip was a huge success!*
- *Afterschool latchkey is going well. We have 27 students enrolled and we are now officially licensed.*
- *GSRP distant learning is going extremely well considering the age of the students. Included are morning meeting videos, online reading, small group videos, packet pickup and virtual student/teacher meetings.*

❖ **Student Services/Special Education**

- *3 new paraprofessionals;*

- *William Bennett - Current varsity girls basketball coach, air force veteran & decorated war hero, working 1:1 with a student in kindergarten.*
- *Amber Patterson - 2014 graduate of Madison, eager to work in the classroom with hopes of going back to school for an education degree. She will be working in the Y5's classroom as the program parapro.*
- *Tracey Speth - 2003 Clinton graduate, thrilled to be working in the elementary school and eager to learn new skills as the reading intervention parapro.*
- *Amendments to all Virtual/Distance learner's IEPs have been completed per guidance from the ISD. Continual training, updates, and communication on special education supports/guidelines being relayed to staff.*
- *Special education teachers and staff are working harder than ever to ensure students' needs are met, have equitable access to curriculum, and make adequate progress.*

❖ **Superintendent**

- *Michael Tracy has been hired by EDUStaff to fill Clinton's vacant "Help Desk" (IT) position; he is scheduled to start at the end of the month.*
- *Update on Extended Learning Plan, Implementation*
- *Update on Citizens Committee Meetings*
- *Michigan Supreme Court Ruling, What's next?*

VII. Strategic Plan Committee Reports

- Student Growth - Extended Learning Plan Goals
- Staff Professional Development - Update from PD Days
- Facilities - Citizens Committee update
- Marketing
- Community Relations/Communication

VIII. Board Committee Reports

- Finance/Building & Grounds - *Steve Clegg*
- Policy/Bylaws - *Monica VanTuyle*
- Superintendent Evaluation - *Shirley Harris*
- Lenawee County Association of School Boards - *Dale Wingerd*
- Ad Hoc Legislative Committee - *Steve Clegg*

IX. Policy Review

The policies reviewed by Policy Committee at its October 12, 2020 meeting will be presented for their first review.

X. Audit Presentation

Randall Darnell of Hodges Accounting & Advisory Services (previously Darnell & Meyering, P.C.) will be connecting to the meeting virtually at approximately 6:15 p.m. to review the financial audit of 2019-2020, ended June 30, 2020.

Motion, in accordance with Policy #6830, "Audit," that the 2019-2020 annual audit from Hodges Accounting & Advisory Services be accepted by a roll call vote.

Made by: Chad Erickson

Supported by: Dale Winerd

Vote: Steve Clegg, Aye; Monica VanTuyle, Aye; Shirley Harris, Aye; Kevin Ward, Aye; Chad Erickson, Aye; Dale Wingerd, Aye; and Kelly Schmidt, Aye. Motion Passes on a 7-0 Vote.

XI. Public Comment

Superintendent Cracraft, along with all of the Board members, praised Business Manager Carol Wahl for the "Clean Opinion" financial audit rating.

XII. Resolution to Grant Emergency Powers to the Superintendent

NEOLA has presented its clients with a resolution that is intended to help schools better comply with Executive Orders related to COVID-19 pandemic requirements.

Whereas the CoVID-19 pandemic continues to affect school operations due to the need to comply with Executive Orders, to comply with appropriate guidance on safety protocols for reopening schools, and ensuring appropriate education services, and

Whereas, the board intends to comply with its legal obligations, including relevant Executive Orders, and, accordingly, temporarily suspend or alter affected policies and guidelines as necessary to comply with its legal obligations, and otherwise take required actions consistent with its legal obligations; and

Whereas the board of Education finds that the current environment created by the COVID-19 pandemic requires that the Superintendent be granted greater flexibility to respond quickly and appropriately to the evolving crisis, including ensuring compliance with Executive Orders and also adapting to the changing environment, including provision of alternative modes of instruction; and

Whereas under board Bylaw 0131.1, the operation of any section or sections of Board policies not established by law or contract may be suspended temporarily by a majority vote of Board members at a public meeting held in compliance with law and Board policy;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Clinton Community Schools Board of Education grants to the Superintendent the following temporary powers to address the COVID-190 emergency throughout the duration of the 2020-2021 school year:

- A. Authority to temporarily waive such Board policies or provisions of Board policies as the Superintendent shall deem necessary to comply with Executive Orders and with guidance from appropriate health or governmental authorities or as necessary for an effective response to COVID-19 related issues and implementation of the District's Preparedness Plan.
- B. Authority to take any lawful actions necessary to comply with Executive Orders, to ensure the continuation of public education, to provide for the health and safety of students and employees, or to respond to direction from appropriate health and government authorities. Such actions may include, but are not limited to: adjustments to the curriculum and the provision of alternate educational program options; adjustments to the calendar; adjustments to employee work schedules and assignments; adjustments to the delivery of school-provided meals; limitations on access to property owned or controlled by the Clinton Community Schools; hiring or providers and/or partnering with other ISDs; applying to any governmental body for financial or other aid as may be available; and applying to any governmental body for waiver of regulations or requirements, compliance with which is affected by the COVID-19 emergency.
- C. Authority to enter into contracts without board approval for any dollar amount necessary for the purchase of materials, equipment, supplies or services for sanitation, cleaning, technology or other needs directly related to the COVID-19 emergency situation, provide such action is consistent with all applicable state and federal laws.
- D. Authority to institute new policies or procedures to implement the Executive Orders and/or the Preparedness Plan, including, but not limited to, policies requiring face coverings, imposing mandatory quarantine measures, and limited access to the school building or educational/extracurricular activities.

NOW, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Superintendent is directed to keep the Board of Education informed of any actions taken under this emergency authority as soon as is practicable in light of the circumstances.

NOW, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the temporary powers authorized by this Resolution are in effect for the duration of the 2020-2021 school year, unless otherwise rescinded or extended by the Board upon majority vote.

NOW, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that execution of this Resolution is conclusive evidence of the board of Education's approval of this action and of the authority granted herein.

Adopted and approved this 19th day of October, 2020.

October 19, 2020
President on behalf of the Clinton Community Schools Board of Education

Motion that the Board approve the "Emergency Powers Resolution" as presented, granting the Superintendent emergency powers as may be necessary during the 2020-2021 (COVID-19 pandemic) school year by way of a roll call vote.

Made by: Chad Erickson

Supported by: Shirley Harris

Vote: Steve Clegg, Aye; Shirley Harris, Aye; Chad Erickson, Aye; Dale Wingerd, Aye; Monica VanTuyle, Aye; Kevin Ward, Aye and Kelly Schmidt, Aye. Motion Passes on a 7-0 Vote.

XIII. Staff Resignations

Superintendent Cracraft has accepted letters of resignations from Allison Ruhl, Girls JV Basketball Coach, and Tami Degner, Aide. The resignations are now being presented for Board approval.

Motion, in accordance with Policies #3140 & #4140, "Termination and Resignation," that the two letters of resignation referenced above be formally accepted by the Board of Education.

Made by: Steve Clegg

Supported by: Monica VanTuyle

Vote: Motion Carried

XIV. Winter Coaching Assignments

Boys' Basketball

Clinton Schools - Greg Dutton (JV Head), Steve DeGood (MS Head 7th), Nito Ramos (MS Head 8th)

EDU Staff - Jeremy Chavez (Varsity Head)

Volunteer - Tyler Hoelzer (Varsity Asst.), Travis Chrisman (Varsity Asst.)

Girls' Basketball

Clinton Schools - Steve DeGood (MS Head 7th)

EDU Staff - Will Bennett (Varsity Head), OPEN (JV Head), Sue Cornish (MS Head 8th)

Wrestling

Clinton Schools - Casey Randolph (V. Asst.), Al Reigner (MS Asst.), George Ames (MS Head)

EDU Staff - Jeff Rolland (Varsity Head), Ben Griffin (JV Head 1/2), Dave Pierce (JV Head 1/2)

Competitive Cheer

EDU Staff - Dawn Bolan (Varsity Head)

Volunteer - Tia Reau

Bowling

Volunteer - Jim Welch (Varsity Head), Glenn Welch (Varsity Asst.), Tim Kittle (Varsity Asst.), Wendy Woerner (Varsity Asst.), Mike Ruhl (MS)

MS Games Manager

Clinton Schools - Rich Weirich, Jr.

Motion, in accordance with Policies #3120, "Employment of Professional Staff," #3120.08, "Employment of Personnel for co-Curricular/Extra-curricular Activities," and #3120.10, "Coaching Positions" the slate of Winter Coaches (those hired by "Clinton Schools"), and the MS Games Manager be approved for the Winter 2020 season as presented.

Made by: Monica VanTuyle
Supported by: Shirley Harris
Vote: Motion Carried

XV. New Hires

Edward Kovach is a retired Washtenaw County Sheriff Deputy wanting to help drive busses for the district.

Motion, in accordance with Policy #4120, 'Employment of Support Staff,' the Board of Education hire Edward Kovach as a substitute bus driver.

Made by: Shirley Harris
Supported by: Steve Clegg
Vote: Motion Carried

Three new teacher aides are being presented for approval - William Bennett (current Girls Varsity Basketball coach); Tracey Speth and Amber Patterson.

Motion, in accordance with Policy #4120, 'Employment of Support Staff," the Board of Education hire William Bennett, Tracey Speth and Amber Patterson as Aides.

Made by: Steve Clegg
Supported by: Shirley Harris
Vote: Motion Carried

Other Discussion: Members are to let Shirley Harris know if they feel there is a need to schedule a Superintendent Evaluation Committee meeting.

Adjournment @ 7:13 p.m.