

**CLINTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES**

The Board of Education regular meeting was called to order at 6:06 p.m. in the middle school Student Center located at 100 E. Franklin St., Clinton, Michigan, on Monday, October 16, 2017 by President Kelly Schmidt. The pledge of allegiance was recited, led by middle school student council students, 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: Todd Baulch; Kevin Beazley; Brendan Branscum; Mary Claire Burnham; Eric Claus; Jim Cracraft; Randall Darnell; Bonnie Draper; Sam Erickson; Austin Fauser; Justin Felts; Brynn Frederick; David Frederick; Don Fry; Ella Graves; Lester Guest; Tamara Guest; Riley Hack; Heather Hicks; Jessica Johnson; Jeff Konz; Laura Krzyzaniak; Evelyn Layer; Samantha McMahon; Leanne Mercier; Jackie Murray; Karen Perez; Jeff Rolland; Ian Root; Mimi Scott; Kaden Thompson; Karen Tice; Carol Wahl; Jordan Wakefield; David Waldon

Consent Docket Kevin Ward moved to approve the consent docket consisting of the minutes from the September 18, 2017 regular meeting, the August 21, 2017 Workshop, the September 18, 2017 Finance Committee, and the September 25, 2017 Ad-Hoc Student Town Hall Committee; cash positions; monthly budget report; and monthly bills in the amount of \$720,313.66 including payroll. Supported by Chad Erickson. All aye; motion carried.

CMS Points of Pride Middle School student council members introduced themselves and stated why they were proud to serve on student council. Activities they have worked on this year have been spirit week and homecoming assembly; they are currently working on a dance and a Haiti Christmas collection.

Square One Presentation Ella Graves and Brynn Frederick shared information on the project they have been working on in preparation for a competition in May. The car was largely made by assembling 3D printer parts with added electronic sensors and lots of wiring. Mr. Claus stated the students have done exceptionally well, especially since this was the first year that middle school was involved.

Staff Member of the Month

Tamara Guest, middle school teacher, was recognized by Jessica Johnson, Strobus Insurance, as employee of the month for October.

Principal's Month

Mr. Cracraft recognized Mimi Scott, Preschool Director; Todd Baulch, Elementary School Principal; Eric Claus, Middle School Principal/Athletic Director; and Kevin Beazley, High School Principal/Athletic Director, thanking them for all they do for the district.

Strategic Planning Update

Jackie Murray presented information from Professional Development. The district-wide book study is "Create Schools" by Ken Robinson and will be over a 2-year period of time. The first year will be by building; with the second year bringing all the buildings in the district together.

Policy Review

There was only time to review one policy - #7455 – Accounting System for Fixed Assets. The committee hopes to meet again for a first review of the other policies before the November Board meeting.

Board Committee Reports

Finance/Building & Grounds – Usual financials were reviewed; Building & Grounds is working on some new goals.

Policy/Bylaws – One policy has been reviewed.

LCASB – Will meet later this week.

Ad Hoc Superintendent Evaluation – Did not meet.

Ad Hoc Student Town Hall Committee – They are working on schedule dates.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Overnight Trips

Three trips were presented for the wrestling program – December 16, 2017 to Remus Chippewa Hills; December 30, 2017 to Lawton High School; and January 13, 2018 to Grand Rapids Forest Hills Eastern.

Shirley Harris moved to approve all three of the above-mentioned overnight trips for the wrestling program. Supported by Kevin Ward Wingerd. All aye; motion carried.

Staff Resignation

The resignation/retirement from Sherry Service, bus driver, was presented. Sherry has worked for the district for an incredible 44 years – starting on September 27, 1973.

Shirley Harris moved that the Board formally accept the resignation from Sherry Service. Supported by Chad Erickson. All aye; motion carried.

New Hires

Heather Hicks was the unanimous recommendation for a paraprofessional position.

Chad Erickson moved to approve Heather Hicks be hired to fill the 2017-2018 paraprofessional position, 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.

Additionally, other employees recently hired by PESG and assigned to Clinton include Kristoffer Gushard, Business Office Accounting Assistant; Allison Ruhl, Girls JV Basketball Coach, and Katie Busz, Recess Monitor.

Winter Coaching Assignments

The winter coaching assignments were presented. Those indicated (*) are employed by PESG:

Boys Varsity Basketball – Jordan Kelly*
Boys JV Basketball – Jeremy Chavez*
Boys MS Basketball – Steve DeGood, Scott McNitt
Girls Varsity Basketball – Nito Ramos
Girls JV Basketball – Allison Ruhl*
Girls MS Basketball – Sue Cornish*, Steve DeGood
Coed Bowling – Earl Cook (Volunteer Coach)
Competitive Cheer – Shelby Loofborow*
Varsity Wrestling – Jeff Rolland*
MS Wrestling – George Ames*
Wrestling Assistant – TBA (*if numbers warrant*)
MS Wrestling Assistant – TBA (*if numbers warrant*)

Steve Clegg moved to approve the 2017-2018 winter coaching assignments as presented. Supported by Chad Erickson. All aye; motion carried.

Financial Audit

Randall Darnell, Darnell & Meyering, P.C., presented the audit and rendered a “Clean Opinion” (defined as when the auditor determines that each of the financial records provided by the business is free of any misrepresentations; they are accurate/complete and in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles) for the 2016-2017 financial audit. In other words, the district is in good shape . . . kudos to Carol Wahl, Business Manager!!

Dale Wingerd moved to accept the 2016-2017 financial audit as presented by Darnell & Meyering, P.C. Supported by Chad Erickson. All aye; motion carried.

Public Comment

Mr. Claus took an opportunity to thank Mr. Fry for the services he has been providing the district. Mr. Fry, retired counselor, has been hired by PESG and recently assigned to Clinton.

Administrative Reports

Mimi asked everyone to recognize School Bus Safety Week and thank a driver!

Todd apologized for coming in late to the meeting, but thanked everyone for supporting him while he's been absent with his son.

Eric said the New Student Luncheon was well attended by students & staff.

Kevin indicated that the enrichment time built into the schedule seems to be working very well.

Superintendent Cracraft reported that community outreach is going great! He also wished to give a special "Shout Out" to Crystal Claus, Director of Student & Special Services, who has been very busy with special projects.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Kevin Ward, Secretary