

**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, August 19, 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; Shirley Harris; Kelly Schmidt; Monica VanTuyle; Kevin Ward; Dale Wingerd

MEMBERS ABSENT: Chad Erickson

OTHERS PRESENT: Don Fry; Paige Svododa; Sheila Thompson; Rick Weirich; Jeremy Fielder; Katie Richardson; Katie Bennett; Ryan & Sandra Tietsema; Eric Claus; Mimi Scott; Jen Ellis; Kevin Beazley; Jeff Waltz; Jim Cracraft; Karen Perez

Consent Docket Kevin Ward moved to approve the consent docket consisting of the minutes from the July 15, 2019 regular meeting; August 1, 2019 Policy Committee; August 1, 2019 Superintendent Evaluation Committee; and the August 12, 2019 Finance Committee; cash positions; monthly budget report; and monthly bills in the amount of \$988,457.88 including payroll. Supported by Shirley Harris. All aye; motion carried.

Staff Presentation Katie Richardson gave a review of the successful summer school program, focusing on the partnership with the LISD. She hopes to have the data prepared for the October board meeting.

Open Houses/PD/New Staff Superintendent Cracraft reviewed the schedule of events for next week, including new staff orientation, open houses, and opening day for staff. He gave kudos to the administrative staff for their efforts in all the hiring that has taken place this summer, Katie Richardson for the summer school program, and the custodial staff for their usual awesome work preparing the buildings for the start of the school year.

Strategic Planning Planning groups will be meeting in September and will report out in October.

Policy Review All 7000 (Property) and 8000 (Operations) were presented ofr their first review.

Board Committees

Finance/Building & Grounds – The regular monthly meeting was held.

Policy/Bylaws – Property and Operations sections were presented for their first review.

Superintendent Evaluation – The group discussed Growth and Goals.

LCASB – Next meeting is in September.

Ad Hoc Legislative Committee – There was no report; haven't met yet.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Staff Resignations

Four resignations were presented for acceptance – Melissa Morton, Director of Student Services; Beverly Dettloff, Special Education teacher; Paula Recknagel, Paraprofessional; and Malinda Luzier, HS Counseling/Athletics Secretary.

Dale Wingerd moved that in accordance with Policy #3140 "Termination & Resignation", the Board formally accept the resignations as presented. Supported by Monica VanTuyle. All aye; motion carried.

New Staff

Shirley Harris moved to approve hiring Caitlyn (Katie) Bennett as the Director of Special Education & Student Services 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 to approve hiring Kaitlyn Tietsema as a 5th Grade Elementary Teacher 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 Dale Wingerd. All aye; motion carried.

Monica VanTuyle moved to approve hiring Rick Weirich as a Middle School PE/Health Teacher (part-time) 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 Steve Clegg. All aye; motion carried.

Steve Clegg moved to approve hiring Sheila Thompson as a paraprofessional (aide) 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 Shirley Harris. All aye; motion carried.

Shirley Harris moved to approve hiring Angela Zbikowski as a paraprofessional (aide) 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 to approve hiring Tami Degner as a paraprofessional (aide) 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 Dale Wingerd. All aye; motion carried.

Steve Clegg moved to approve hiring Nicole Braun as a paraprofessional (aide) 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 Dale Wingerd. All aye; motion carried.

Shirley Harris moved to approve hiring Deborah Rickard as a paraprofessional (aide) 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 Monica VanTuyle. All aye; motion carried.

Administrative Contracts

Contracts for the two newly hired administrators (Assistant Principal and Director of Special Education & Student Services) were presented for approval.

Dale Wingerd moved that a one-year contract be awarded to Jeremy Fielder, Assistant Principal, for the period August 1, 2019 – July 31, 2020. Supported by Shirley Harris. All aye; motion carried.

Shirley Harris moved that a one-year contract be awarded to Caitlyn (Katie) Bennett, Director of Special Education &

Student Services, for the period August 1, 2019 – July 31, 2020. Supported by Kevin Ward. All aye; motion carried.

Fall Coaching Assignments

There is one middle school football position open. The newly hired middle school teacher is the only individual that applied.

Kevin Ward moved to approve Rick Weirich as the new middle school football coach for the 2019-2020 season, realizing that final employment is contingent on receipt of acceptable certification documentation, including satisfactory fingerprint and background checks. Supported by Steve Clegg. All aye; motion carried.

Adult Breakfast/Lunch

Adult breakfast prices will remain at \$1.92, but USDA adult meal pricing guidelines will cause an increase in lunches from \$3.56 to \$3.69 for the 2019-2020 school year.

Monica VanTuyle moved that district adult prices for the 2019-2020 school year be \$1.92 for breakfast and \$3.69 for lunch. Supported by Shirley Harris. All aye; motion carried.

MASB Delegate

The Board discussed the November Leadership conference and the need to select a voting delegate and alternate.

Shirley Harris moved that Dale Wingerd be the MASB delegate and Steve Clegg be the MASB alternate. Supported by Kevin Ward. All aye; motion carried.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Administrative Reports

Preschool: Paige Svoboda has been hired through EDUStaff as the new Pre-K Teacher; with the given wait list there may be some consideration to not including 3-year-olds next school year, as there are currently 42 families with 4-year-olds on the waiting list.

Elementary School: Staffing has been very busy this summer; the Primary Press will continue this school year, with some slight improvements (as suggested by parents).

Middle School: The custodial/maintenance crew has been amazing; there are some classroom changes for the coming school year.

High School: Everyone is encouraged to check out the open house schedule; currently trying to get all parents/students to update registrations; there are many more electives.

Athletics: Kudos to Malinda Luzier who will be leaving this week; Boys Track finished 2nd in the County Preview and Girls Track finished 5th.

Superintendent: TZ meeting with the State this week; working with ACES at the Elementary; Marshall Plan.

Closed Session

Kevin Ward moved to enter into closed session “to consider the purchase or lease of real property up to the time an option to purchase or lease that real property is obtained (a two-thirds {2/3} vote is required). Supported by Shirley Harris. Roll Call Vote: Steve Clegg, Aye; Shirley Harris, Aye; Kelly Schmidt, Aye; Monica VanTuyle, Aye; Kevin Ward, Aye; Dale Wingerd, Aye. Motion Passes on a 6-0 Vote. The Board entered into Closed Session at 7:11 p.m.

Steve Clegg moved to exit closed session and return to open session. Supported by Shirley Harris. Roll Call Vote: Steve Clegg, Aye; Shirley Harris, Aye; Kelly Schmidt, Aye; Monica VanTuyle, Aye; Kevin Ward, Aye; Dale Wingerd, Aye. Motion Passes on a 6-0 Vote. The Board exited closed session and returned to open session at 7:41 p.m.

Other Discussion

Kevin Ward moved “after reviewing correspondence regarding the board’s interest in engaging in ‘further discussion’ of an offer to purchase property, the board is not interested in engaging in further discussion at this time.” Supported by Shirley Harris. Roll Call Vote: Steve Clegg, Aye; Shirley Harris, Aye; Kelly Schmidt, Aye; Monica VanTuyle, Aye; Kevin Ward, Aye; Dale Wingerd, Aye. Motion Passes on a 6-0 Vote.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Kevin Ward, Secretary