



**Clinton Community Schools
Board of Education Meeting
September 16, 2024**

Time & Location:	6:06 pm, CHS Media Center	
Board of Education:	Kelly Schmidt, President Steve Clegg, Treasurer Chad Erickson, Trustee - Absent Monica VanTuyle, Trustee - Absent	Shirley Harris, Vice President Dale Wingerd, Secretary Mike Houghton, Trustee Kevin Beazley, Superintendent
Facilitator:	Kelly Schmidt	
Note Taker:	Karen Perez	
Timekeeper:	Kelly Schmidt	
Purpose:	Regular Meeting	
Others Present:	Carol Wahl, Jack Hartung, Don Fry, Kasey Reiser-Berry, Jordan Chambers, Shanna Tokarz, Susheel Saini, Becca Morrish	

Time	Task/Activity (what & how) and Notes	Facilitator
	1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Mission/Vision/Beliefs	Kelly Schmidt
	2. Consent Docket	Kelly Schmidt
	3. Acceptance of the 2023-2024 Financial Audit	Kevin Beazley
	4. Superintendent Report	Board Members
	5. Board Committee Reports	Jack Hartung
	6. Update on Bond Projects	Kelly Schmidt
	7. Personnel Updates	Kelly Schmidt
	8. Public Comment	Kelly Schmidt
	9. Student Discipline	Kelly Schmidt
	10. Closed Session	Kelly Schmidt
	11. Adjournment	Kelly Schmidt

1) Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

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.*

2) Consent Docket

- Minutes - August 22, 2024 Board Meeting
- Minutes - September 9, 2024 Policy Committee
- Minutes - September 9, 2024 Finance Committee
- Cash Positions
- Monthly Budget Reports
- Monthly Bills

Motion that the CCS Board of Education approve the Consent Docket as presented.

Made by: Mike Houghton

Supported by: Dale Wingerd

Vote: 5-0, motion passed

3) Acceptance of 2023-2024 Financial Audit

The financial audit for the year ended June 30, 2024 will be presented for approval by Jordan Chambers, Haven Group, Certified Public Accountants & Advisors. The district was given a very clean opinion with a very strong fund balance. Auditors thanked Mrs. Wahl for her outstanding work, stating they would miss her (given her impending retirement).

Motion that 2023-2024 financial audit be accepted as presented by Haven Group CPAs and Advisors.

Made by: Dale Wingerd

Supported by: Steve Clegg

Vote: 5-0, motion passed

4) Superintendent Report

- Building Reports: N/A
- Information on 3rd party staffing:
 - EDUStaff
 - Athletics
 - Rachel Miller - 8th Grade Volleyball
 - Lisa Roberts - Varsity Softball
 - Food Service (Aramark)
 - Staff hired: Michelle Wegner, Candy Paquin, Alexander Paquin, Emma Kovach, Felciia Wright
 - Staff that have resigned: Bianca Rivera, Betany Fultz, Emma Kovach

5) Board Committee Reports

- Finance/Building & Grounds - Steve Clegg
- Contract Negotiations - Mike Houghton

- Policy/Bylaws - Monica VanTuyle
- Superintendent Evaluation - Shirley Harris
- LCASB/MASB - Dale Wingerd

6) **Update on Bond Projects**

Mr. Hartung had already sent the Board an email update.

7) **Personnel Update**

A) **Separations of Employment:**

Name	Position	Separation Date	Reason
Evans, Shelly	Para	9/20/24	Transfer to Library Assistant

Motion that the CCS Board of Education approve the Separation of Employment as presented.

Made by: Mike Houghton
Supported by: Shirley Harris
Vote: 5-0, motion passed

B) **Employment Services:**

Name	Position	Compensation	Term
Evans, Shelly	Library Assistant (MS)	CESPA	9/23/24
O'Regan, Dara	Library Assistant (HS)	CESPA	9/28/2024

Motion that the CCS Board of Education approve the new hire as presented.

Made by: Shirley Harris
Supported by: Dale Wingerd
Vote: 5-0, motion passed

8) **Public Comment** - There was no public comment.

9) **Student Discipline**

The Board has received a recommendation from the Superintendent that a student be expelled from Clinton Community Schools. Pursuant to Section 8 of Michigan’s Open Meetings Act, the Board may meet in closed session to consider the dismissal, suspension, or disciplining of a student if requested by the student or their parent/guardian. MCL 15.268(1)(b).

Motion

WHEREAS:

1. The Clinton Community Schools administration has recommended that a student whose identity is known to the Board (the “Student”) be expelled for engaging in the following conduct in violation of Clinton Community Schools’ Board Policy 5206 – Student Discipline; section 1311a of Michigan’s Revised School Code, MCL 380.1311a(2); section 235b of Michigan’s Penal Code, MCL 750.235b; and the Clinton High School Student Handbook (specifically, False Alarms, False Reports, and Bomb Threats (see page 15) and Disruption of the Educational Process (see page 16)):
 - a. Student told another Clinton High School student while at school that he would “pop” them or have someone “pop” them.
 - b. Student stated to a group of Clinton High School students while at school, “y’all are lucky I don’t bring my gun to school no more.”
 - c. Student, while at school, stated, “I can’t take this place no more. I gotta either leave or I’m blowing this place up.”
 - d. Student told another Clinton High School student while at school that the student better “watch the fuck out or I’ll rearrange your face.”
 - e. Student told other Clinton High School students while at school that he has killed three people; that he has three bodies on his belt; and that he will make them his bitch.
2. School administrators notified the Student’s guardians of the specific charge underlying the discipline recommendation, as well as the date, time, and place of the disciplinary hearing.
3. Despite offering the Student and the Student’s representatives an opportunity to respond to the charge and to present pertinent evidence for the Board’s consideration, neither the Student nor any representative(s) of the Student appeared at the September 16, 2024, meeting of the Board of Education.
4. The Board has carefully considered all of the evidence produced in this student discipline hearing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. A preponderance of the evidence establishes that the Student engaged in the following conduct in violation of Clinton Community Schools’ Board Policy 5206 – Student Discipline; section 1311a of Michigan’s Revised School Code, MCL 380.1311a(2); section 235b of Michigan’s Penal Code, MCL 750.235b; and the Clinton High School Student Handbook (specifically, False Alarms, False Reports, and Bomb Threats (see page 15) and Disruption of the Educational Process (see page 16)):
 - a. Student told another Clinton High School student while at school that he would “pop” them or have someone “pop” them.
 - b. Student stated to a group of Clinton High School students while at school, “y’all are lucky I don’t bring my gun to school no more.”

- c. Student, while at school, stated, “I can’t take this place no more. I gotta either leave or I’m blowing this place up.”
 - d. Student told another Clinton High School student while at school that the student better “watch the fuck out or I’ll rearrange your face.”
 - e. Student told other Clinton High School students while at school that he has killed three people; that he has three bodies on his belt; and that he will make them his bitch.
2. Based on careful consideration of all the following factors when considering the Student’s conduct in making threats against Clinton High School and Clinton High School students, the Board determines that expulsion from school is warranted:
 - The student’s age;
 - The student’s disciplinary history;
 - Whether the student has a disability;
 - The seriousness of the behavior;
 - Whether the behavior posed a safety risk;
 - Whether restorative practices are a better option; and
 - Whether lesser interventions would address the behavior.
 3. The Student is expelled from Clinton Community Schools for making threats against Clinton High School and Clinton High School students.
 2. During the time of the expulsion, the Student may not be on school grounds or attend any functions at the District without prior written approval from the Superintendent.
 3. Consistent with Sections 11a and 1311(1) of the Revised School Code, the Board finds that the interests of the District are served by this resolution.
 4. Administrators are directed and authorized to implement all terms of this resolution and are delegated all necessary authority to do so.
 5. All resolutions and parts of resolutions that conflict with the provisions of this resolution are rescinded.

Made by: Steve Clegg

Supported by: Shirley Harris

Roll Call Vote: Steve Clegg, Aye; Mike Houghton, Aye; Dale Wingerd, Aye; Shirley Harris, Aye; Kelly Schmidt, Aye. Motion passed on a 5-0 vote.

10) Closed Session

The Board did not go into closed session.

11) Adjournment - The meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m.