



**Clinton Community Schools
Board of Education - Special Call Meeting
September 1, 2023**

Time & Location:	9:00 am, CMS Band Room	
Board of Education:	Kelly Schmidt, President Steve Clegg, Treasurer Chad Erickson, Trustee 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:	Special Call Meeting	
Others Present:	Katie Bennett; Kyle Hoffman; student parent	

Time	Task/Activity (what & how) and Notes	Facilitator
9:00 a.m.	1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Mission/Vision/Beliefs	Kelly Schmidt
9:00 a.m.	2. Consent Docket	Kelly Schmidt
9:01 a.m.	3. Public Comment	Kelly Schmidt
9:01 a.m.	4. Personnel Updates	Kevin Beazley
9:02 a.m.	5. Closed Session - Student Discipline	Kevin Beazley
9:53 a.m.	6. Other Business	Kevin Beazley
10:00 a.m.	7. 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**

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Motion in accordance with Board Policy #2502, "Board Meeting Agenda" the Consent Docket be approved as presented.

Made by: Chad Erickson
Supported by: Mike Houghton
Vote: 6-0; motion passed

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

4) **Personnel Update**

A) Separation of Employment:

Name	Position	Separation Date	Reason
Malinda Campbell	Bus Driver	September 12, 2023	Resignation

Motion in accordance with Policy #4223, "Resignation" the resignation be accepted as presented.

Made by: Chad Erickson
Supported by: Steve Clegg
Vote: 6-0; motion passed

B) Employment, Contract Services, and Volunteer Services:

Name	Position	Compensation	Term
Crystal Claus	Special Education Teacher	CEA	2023-2024

Motion in accordance with Policy #4205, "Hiring and Background Checks" the employment recommendation be approved as presented.

Made by: Shirley Harris
Supported by: Chad Erickson
Vote: 6-0; motion passed

5) **Closed Session - Student Discipline**

The Board will go into closed session for the purpose of considering student discipline.

Motion in accordance with Board Policy 2501, "Meetings," and by way of a roll call vote, the Board shall enter Closed Session to consider student discipline as requested by the student's parent.

Made by: Chad Erickson

Supported by: Shirley Harris

Roll Call Vote: Steve Clegg, Aye; Chad Erickson, Aye; Mike Houghton, Aye; Dale Wingerd, Aye; Shirley Harris, Aye; Kelly Schmidt; Aye. Motion passed on a 6-0 vote. The Board entered Closed Session at 9:02 a.m.

Motion in accordance with Board Policy 2501, "Meetings," and by way of a roll call vote, the Board shall exit Closed Session and return to Open Session.

Made by: Dale Wingerd

Supported by: Shirley Harris

Roll Call Vote: Steve Clegg, Aye; Chad Erickson, Aye; Mike Houghton, Aye; Dale Wingerd, Aye; Shirley Harris, Aye; Kelly Schmidt; Aye. Motion passed on a 6-0 vote. The Board returned to Open Session at 9:53 a.m.

6) Other Business

Motion to adopt the Board Resolution for Student Discipline (as read by Steve Clegg; copy is attached to these minutes).

Made by: Steve Clegg

Supported by: Dale Wingerd

Roll Call Vote: Steve Clegg, Aye; Chad Erickson, Aye; Mike Houghton, Aye; Dale Wingerd, Aye; Shirley Harris, Aye; Kelly Schmidt; Aye. Motion passed on a 6-0 vote.

7) Adjournment - The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Clinton Community Schools
BOARD RESOLUTION FOR STUDENT DISCIPLINE

A special meeting of the Clinton Community Schools Board of Education was held in the Clinton Middle School Band Room, on the 1st day of September, 2023, at 9:00 o'clock in the a.m.

The meeting was called to order by Kelly Schmidt, Board President

Present: Members Steve Clegg, Chad Erickson, Mike Houghton,
Dale Wingerd, Shirley Harris, Kelly Schmidt

Absent: Members Monica Van Tuyle

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member Clegg
and supported by Member Wingerd:

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 Policies 5772 – Weapons and 5512 – Use of Tobacco by Students; section 237a of Michigan's Penal Code, MCL 750.237a; Village of Clinton Ordinance 34-8 (prohibits the possession of vapor products by minors); and the Clinton High School Student Handbook (prohibits possession of dangerous weapons on school property):

a. On May 2, 2023, Student was found to be in possession of a firearm, pocketknife opened by a mechanical device with a blade longer than three inches in length, and a nicotine vaping device while on school property.

2. School administrators notified the Student's parents of the specific charge underlying the discipline recommendation, as well as the date, time, and place of the disciplinary hearing.

3. Pursuant to the request of the Student's parents, and as authorized by Section 8(b) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act, MCL 15.268(b), the disciplinary hearing was conducted in a closed session meeting of the Board.

4. The hearing afforded the Student and the Student's representatives an opportunity to respond to the charge and to present pertinent evidence for the Board's consideration.

5. 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 on May 2, 2023, the Student engaged in the following conduct in violation of Board Policies 5772 – Weapons and 5512 – Use

of Tobacco by Students; section 237a of Michigan's Penal Code, MCL 750.237a; Village of Clinton Ordinance 34-8 (prohibits the possession of vapor products by minors); and the Clinton High School Student Handbook (prohibits possession of dangerous weapons on school property):

- a. On May 2, 2023, Student was found to be in possession of a firearm, pocketknife opened by a mechanical device with a blade longer than three inches in length, and a nicotine vaping device while on school property.
- b. A preponderance of the evidence establishes that on May 2, 2023, the Student knowingly possessed a firearm on school property for use as a weapon (self-protection).
- c. A preponderance of the evidence establishes that the Student knowingly possessed a firearm on school property at least one additional time prior to May 2, 2023 (April 24, 2023).

2. Section 1310d of Michigan's Revised School Code, MCL 380.1310d, does not require consideration of the disciplinary factors set forth in section 1310d when considering expelling a student for possessing a firearm in a weapon free school zone, however, based on careful consideration of all the following factors when considering the Student's possession of the knives and vaping device, 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 possession of a firearm on school property.

4. 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.

5. 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.

6. Administrators are directed and authorized to implement all terms of this resolution and are delegated all necessary authority to do so.

7. All resolutions and parts of resolutions that conflict with the provisions of this resolution are rescinded.

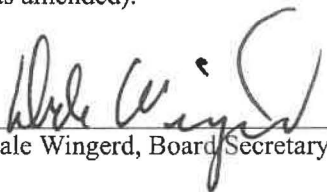
Ayes: Clegg, Erickson, Houghton, Wingerd, Harris + Schmidt

Nays: N/A

Absent: VanTuyle

Motion Passed: 6-0 vote

The undersigned, duly qualified and acting Board Secretary, certifies that the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by said Board at a special meeting held on September 1, 2023, the original of which is part of the Board's minutes. The undersigned further certifies that notice of the meeting was given to the public pursuant to the provisions of the "Open Meetings Act" (Act 267, PA 1976, as amended).


Dale Wingerd, Board Secretary