

**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, November 18, 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; Chad Erickson; Shirley Harris; Kelly Schmidt; Monica VanTuyle; Kevin Ward; Dale Wingerd

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Jeff Delezenne; Bennet Zbikowski; Martha Owen; Don Fry; Eric Bundt; Nate Chavez; Sky Chandler; Summer Chandler; Jessica Johnson; Carma Roesch; Danielle Bowles; Karla, Jeff, Paige & Emma Shankland; Mia Hayes; Morgan Strand; Elena Simonds; Alissa King; Todd King; Brayden Randolph; Jack Voll; Cole Brighton; Casey Randolph; Jeff Rolland; Whitney Laraway; Karen Tice; Megan Whiting; Nick Oliver; Jesse Bonds; Ethan Clark; Garret Handy; Alan Baxter; Caroline Moore; Adam Kuebler; Ashley Bouse; Kurt Hillegonds; George Ames; Julie Johns; Eric Claus; Mimi Scott; Jen Ellis; Kevin Beazley; Jeff Waltz; Jeremy Fielder; Jim Cracraft; Karen Perez

Consent Docket Chad Erickson moved to approve the consent docket consisting of the minutes from the October 21, 2019 regular meeting; October 21, 2019 Policy Committee; cash positions; monthly budget report; and monthly bills, including payroll. Supported by Kevin Ward. All aye; motion carried.

Student Recognition The middle school cross country and high school cross country teams were acknowledged for their exceptional seasons.

Staff Recognition Kurt Hillegonds, high school teacher and cross country coach, has been selected as Regional Coach of the Year for Cross Country. He has had a very successful season with both boys and girls teams.

George Ames, middle school football and wrestling coach, was recognized as the Middle School Wrestling Coach of the Year at the Michigan Wrestling Association Hall of Fame Banquet. His teams have finished undefeated the last two years and have won the MYWAY State Dual Championships the last two years as well.

Staff Member of the Month

Jessica Johnson, Strobus Insurance, recognized Casey Randolph as Staff Member of the Month.

Redskin Pride Award

Julie Johns, custodian, was recognized as this month's Redskin Pride Award recipient. Julie consistently demonstrates a willingness to go above and beyond the call of duty in her position.

Strategic Planning

Mimi and Katie were thanked for their work on getting the surveys going. Superintendent Cracraft gave an update on the Short-Term Options Committee.

Board Committees

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

*Policy/Bylaws* – There has not been another meeting since the last Board meeting.

*Superintendent Evaluation* – No meeting has been held.

*LCASB* – Nothing to report.

*Ad Hoc Legislative Committee* – The meeting had to be rescheduled.

President Schmidt did take a moment to thank the Board for the time and dedication in attending the Michigan Association of School Board's conference in Traverse City this past month.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Physical Education Equipment

Bids were sought for new equipment. Three vendors submitted bids. It was noted that whichever bid is approved by the Board, that the Board will actually be paying \$5,000 less, as there will be \$5,000 redirected from a Physical Education fundraiser held earlier last spring.

Chad Erickson moved to approve the bid from Fitness Things/All Pro Exercise in the amount of \$36,416.66, realizing that \$5,000 of the purchase would come from the Physical Education fundraiser. Supported by Kevin Ward. All aye; motion carried.

Coaching Assignments

Juan (Nito) Ramos was presented as the middle school boys basketball coach.

Chad Erickson moved that Juan (Nito) Ramos be hired as the boys middle school basketball coach 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.

First Revision, Sinking Fund2

The first budget revision shows an increase in Chromebooks and upgrades to softball fields for this fiscal year.

Kevin Ward moved, in accordance with Policy #3140 “Termination and Resignation” that the Board formally accept the resignations of Hayden Craig and Jessica Hendricks-Pickles. Supported by Dale Wingerd. All aye; motion carried.

First Revision, General  
& Athletic Budgets

The first budget revision shows an increase in student enrollment, but also expenditures exceeding revenues by \$34,490.49.

Dale Wingerd moved, in accordance with Policy #3120 “Employment of Professional Staff, to approve hiring Lee E. Smither, Jr. as the high school PE/Health 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 Chad Erickson. All aye; motion carried.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Administrative Reports

Staff gave their reports, focusing on the following topics:

**Preschool:** Conferences will be 12/4 & 12/5; Holiday Concert is 12/18 @ 6:30pm; literacy essentials.

**Elementary School:** Data meetings; PRIDE data review; Holiday Concerts are 12/9 (K-2) and 12/10 (3-5); committee meetings; conferences.

**Middle School:** MS Dance, MS PRIDE: talent show.

**High School:** PRIDE: student competitions; FITS; conferences (dinner provided by the Entrepreneurs class).

**Athletics:** Three of four fall sports won their TCC conference; winter sports have officially begun; four students are in Hockey; Mike Ruhl is volunteering to start up a middle school bowling club; Adam Covell is starting up an eSports club; the MHSAA sportsmanship conference was discussed.

**Assistant Principal:** Jeremy stated he is working on relationships with teachers and students.

**Superintendent:** Short-term options meeting was held; surveys are out; sub rates went up to \$90/day and \$95/long-term; tentative January 25 Board workshop all government students introduced themselves.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

---

Kevin Ward, Secretary