

**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, July 20, 2020 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; Monica VanTuyle; Dale Wingerd; Kelly Schmidt; Kevin Ward

OTHERS PRESENT: Jim Cracraft; Carol Wahl; Adam Covell; Jack Hartung; Jeff Waltz; Ron Schaffner; David Pray; Mike Walters; James Desmet; Donald Stump; Private Caller.

Consent Docket

Kevin Ward moved that the consent docket consisting of minutes from the June 22, 2020 Special board meeting/workshop, minutes from the June 29, 2020 regular budget meeting, minutes from the July 13, 2020 Finance/Building & Grounds, Ad hoc Legislative, Policy, and Superintendent Eval committees, minutes from the July 16, 2020 Special board meeting/ workshop, cash positions, monthly budget report, and monthly bills be approved as presented. Supported by Dale Wingerd; All aye; motion carried.

Strategic Plan Committee
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Reports

Superintendent Cracraft informed members of meeting with and Wallgast in July, as well as follow-up meeting with himself, Carol Wahl, Dave Moore, Joe Powers, and Mr. Naughton from PFM to get schedules for potential bonding. Next steps include developing a community input forum for facilities.

Administrative Reports

The District Admin team is off tonight, Mr. Cracraft stated tomorrow there are two Lenawee County Superintendent Association meetings (the 2nd requiring a consensus of plan type – see below), as well as Back to School Committee Taskforce meeting (chaired by Keven Beazley, with all Principals and several directors, as well as President of MEA-CEA, Joyce Collins), where they are to discuss how schools will reopen.

We must have plans for:

- Virtual Only
- Hybred
- In-Person Only

Options will be shared with board and on Black board for community.

Board Committee Reports

- Finance/Building & Grounds– Steve
We did meet.
There were no questions of Carol or Jim, re: Finance rpt
Still waiting for State and Federal Budgets for Education.
Discussed Gov Whitmer, AG Nestel, & State Rice, filed a lawsuit against State Secretary DeVoss & U.S. Department of Education on the Distribution of Cares Act Funds to Public and Private Schools.
No current projects for Technology or Facilities.
- Policy/Bylaws – Monica
We are bringing to the board, this evening for first review, all of the 4000 policies.
No updates affect students, staff, or budget, only removal of specific names in policies, and change to position title.
Met July 13th, to discuss 3000 policies and back to school plans. These, also, had no updates affecting students, staff, or budget, only removal of specific names in policies, and change to position title.
- LCSAB – Dale
Nothing from county.
- Super Evaluation – Shirley
We met on 13th, and discussed the bond and mileage, discussion continued regarding public relations & communications.
Back to School plans including: COVID, Finance, and Staff & Student Survey.
- Ad Hoc
 - Legislative Committee – Steve
We met, and school needs to establish policies around CVC & State guidelines for return to school. Also, discussed House Bill 5482 – Adding a suicide Hotline phone number to student IDs. Has only passed the house, currently.

Policy Review

All 4000's series policies were reviewed by the Policy Committee and are being presented to the Board for first review. The policy changes reflect only the removal of staff names and replacement of job titles.

Public Comment

David Pray, former employee, addressed school board. Stated it has been over a decade since we held our only BOE meeting, in 2010 in HS Gymnasium, where 700 individuals

attended as we addressed the Redskins Mascot issue. At that meeting, the BOE voted unanimously to retain the Mascot. At that time, however, they made promises to the community, and to those present:

1. That the District would do its' best to remove any disparaging imagery.
2. That the District would attempt to rebrand that imagery.
3. That it would determine if, and when, the Washington Redskins retired their mascot, that Clinton, too, would retire their mascot.

The Boards of Education and the Administration, over that time, have done a fine job of living up to those promises.

A school board to be as good as its' word, therefore when deciding whether to retain the mascot, I believe you, the school board, should follow thru on the commitment regarding the Washington Redskins.

Board Organization

The Board will review our Officers, Committees, LCASB Representative, MASB Representative, Adoption of Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting, Depositories for school funds & Designated persons to sign checks, contracts, agreements and PO.

Review of our Officers.

Current positions include: Kelly Schmidt – President, Shirley Harris- Vice President, Kevin Ward- Secretary & Steve Clegg as Treasurer.

Are there any nominations for change?

It's been moved by Harris, and supported by Erickson to continue with the current structure of officers.

ROLL CALL VOTE – started with Treasurer Clegg, followed by Erickson, VanTuyle, Schmidt, Harris, Ward, & Wingerd. All Aye; Motion passes.

Appt of Standing Committees.

Current committees include: Finance/Building & Grounds: Chair- Steve Clegg. Committee members: Chad Erickson & Kevin Ward

Policy/Bylaw – Chair: Monica VanTuyle. Committee members: Shirley Harris & Dale Wingerd

Superintendent Evaluation – Chair: Shirley Harris.
Rotating committee members

LCASB & MASB Representative – Dale Wingerd

Are there any nominations for change?

It's been moved by Wingerd, and supported by Harris, to continue with the current structure for Standing Committees, LCASB Representative and MASB Representative.

ROLL CALL VOTE – started with Treasurer Clegg, followed by Erickson, VanTuyle, Schmidt, Harris, Ward, & Wingerd. All aye; Motion passes.

Depositories for school funds.

MBIA Class and Premier Bank are being recommended as well as the Superintendent and Business Manager be designated as the person(s) authorized to sign checks, contracts, agreements and purchase orders.

It's been moved by Clegg and supported by Ward to use MBIA Class and Premier Bank for depositories for school funds and the Superintendent and Business Manager as authorized persons to sign checks, contracts, agreements and purchase orders.

ROLL CALL VOTE – started with Treasurer Clegg, followed by Erickson, VanTuyle, Schmidt, Harris, Ward, & Wingerd. All aye; Motion passes.

Regularly scheduled board Mtg

Currently, the 3rd Monday of every month, @ 6:06 p.m. (Including June 28th, 2021 as the annual Budget Meeting).

It's been moved by Wingerd and supported by Harris to continue as currently scheduled.

ROLL CALL VOTE – started with Treasurer Clegg, followed by Erickson, VanTuyle, Schmidt, Harris, Ward, & Wingerd. All aye; Motion passes.

New Hire

The Board is being asked to consider hiring Rick Weirich as the MS 7th grade football head coach.

It's been moved by Erickson & supported by Ward to approve hire Rick Weirich as the MS 7th grade football

coach for the 2020-2021 school year. All aye; motion passes.

School Election

As part of the formal procedure for elections, the Board needs to approve a resolution which sets matters to be voted upon at the November 3, 2020 election.

This proposal will allow the school district to continue to levy 18 mills on all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, required for the school district to receive its revenue per pupil foundation allowance and renews millage that will expire with the 2020 tax levy.

It's been moved by Erickson & supported by Clegg to adopt the resolution to be voted upon at the November 3, 2020 election.

ROLL CALL VOTE – started with Treasurer Clegg, followed by Erickson, VanTuyle, Schmidt, Harris, Ward, & Wingerd. All aye; Motion passes.

Overnight Field Trip

The board is being asked to consider the approval of the annual AP Biology/Wildlife overnight fieldtrip scheduled for October 14 – 15, 2020.

It's been moved by VanTuyle & supported by Harris to approve the AP Biology overnight fieldtrip. All aye; Motion passes.

MHSAA Hockey Cooperative

The Board is being asked to renew the cooperative hockey program agreement with Adrian, Tecumseh, Madison, Onsted, Sand Creek and Lenawee Christian. The agreement shall commence August 15, 2020 and be for a period of 2 years.

It's been moved by Harris & supported by Clegg to approve the MHSAA Hockey Cooperative agreement. All aye; Motion passes.

Clinton Mascot

Kelly - I would like to start the discussion regarding the Redskin Mascot. In 2010, CCS Superintendent Dave Pray and board of education members: Dale Wingerd, Shirley Harris, Wanda Heinz, Dave Gibson, Don Hinman, Ann Miller and Jeff Clark voted to retain the Redskin mascot. During this meeting, the Superintendent and the Board of

Education were in agreement that the Redskins mascot and name would be retained until the Washington Redskins changed or until the District was mandated to do so. On July 13, 2020, the Washington Redskins announced their intent to retire the Redskin mascot. I would like the Board at this time to engage in discussions regarding the mascot and share any comments they may have.

Shirley Harris stated 10 years ago she was in the gym, with voters and taxpayers, and promised that as long as there were Washington Redskins there would be Clinton Redskins. The End.

Dale Wingerd stated he was President of BOE in 2010, the decision to keep the mascot name was made during a special call board meeting, in spring 2010. While board agreed to keep the Redskin name, we also agreed to remove the imagery, that native group sound offensive. The BOE felt strongly that if they were ever required to change it via legislation, or the Washington Redskins ever changed their name, we would do as well. Since 2010, the board, district, and administration, have continued to receive some complaints, regarding the use of the mascot. However, we have held to our decision that we would change, only if the Washington Redskins would change or legislation would require to retire the mascot. Based on the decision the Washington Redskins made, on July 13th, 2020, I recommend that the district find a respectful way, and honorable way, for our currently mascot....I would like to direct Jim Cracraft, to begin the process, giving students, stakeholders input into selecting a new mascot, and rebranding out district.

Chad Erickson stated he has been a member of the Clinton Community for a long time, and although I may not have been on the board in 2010, I was alongside and agreed with them back then, and I remember them saying multiple occasions, that if the Redskins ever changed their mascot, in the nations' capital, that we would also do so.

Trustee VanTuyle, Clegg, or Ward- do you have any comments?

Clegg – Not on my part.

VanTuyle – I have nothing to add to the conversation at this point.

Ward - I do not either.

It's been moved by Harris & supported by Wingerd to adopt the resolution to retire the Redskin mascot and name in a respectful and dignified manner and to direct the Superintendent to start the process of rebranding our school district.

ROLL CALL VOTE – started with Treasurer Clegg, followed by Erickson, VanTuyle, Schmidt, Harris, Ward, & Wingerd. All aye; Motion passes.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

Kevin Ward, Secretary