

CLAYTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting Minutes
September 13, 2022

Adequate notice of this meeting was provided by the Board Secretary. It was posted in the Borough Hall, communicated to the South Jersey Times, and filed with the Clerk of the Municipality.

I. OPENING PROCEDURES

- A. Call to Order by the President
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Recording of Attendance: Paul Connell, Susan Giordano, Jeremiah Long, Robin Roche, Nicole Shaw, April Ward

Paul Connell	12/31/2024	
Robin Roche	12/31/2024	
Susan Giordano	12/31/2022	
Anthony Grafton	12/31/2022	
Crystal Greene	12/31/2023	
Niamah King	12/31/2022	
Jeremiah Long	12/31/2023	
Nicole Shaw	12/31/2024	
April Ward	12/31/2022	

- D. Approval of Minutes for the August 16, 2022 Meeting - Attachment I D
On motion by Jeremiah Long, seconded by Susan Giordano and carried by voice vote, the August 16, 2022 meeting minutes were approved.
- E. Presentation of Business by Visitor(s) for Approval as to Agenda Placement - None

II. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Reports from the Liaisons - None

- B. Reports from the Standing Committees/Ad Hoc Committee - Attachment II B

Curriculum/Instruction	Jeremiah Long (Chair), Anthony Grafton, April Ward
Finance/Facilities	Robin Roche (Chair), Nicole Shaw, Niamah King
Policy	Nicole Shaw (Chair), Crystal Greene, Susan Giordano
Executive	Paul Connell, Jeremiah Long, Robin Roche, Nicole Shaw

III. VISITORS' REMARKS FOR COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

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OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION

On motion by Jeremiah Long, seconded by Robin Roche and carried by voice vote, the meeting was opened to the public for their remarks at 7:05 p.m.

Student Ashley Ward requested that the Board purchase an advertisement for Marching Band.

CLOSE PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION

On motion by Jeremiah Long, seconded by Nicole Shaw and carried by voice vote, the Public Comment Session was closed at 7:08 p.m.

On motion by Jeremiah Long, seconded by Susan Giordano and carried by a roll call vote of five ayes (Connell, Giordano, Long, Roche, Shaw), zero nays, and one abstention (Ward), the Board agreed to purchase a full-page advertisement for Marching Band in the amount of \$200.

IV. SCHOOL BUSINESS

A. Principals' Minutes

Mr. Uribe, Simmons Elementary School Principal, reported that the Elementary School is off to a terrific start to the school year. He thanked the entire Simmons staff – custodians, office staff, and faculty – for having the school ready to go for opening day. Simmons is now a complete school as the preschoolers began their year on September 12th with lots of excitement. Back to School Nights are scheduled for September 21st for Preschool through 2nd grade and September 22nd for 3rd through 5th grades. The time is 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Start Strong Assessments will be given once again this year. The dates are September 27th and 28th for 3rd and 4th grades only. The Scholastic Book Fair is set for the first week in October.

Marvin Tucker, Principal of Clayton Middle School, reported that the Middle School had a great opening to the school year. They were very excited when they entered the building on the first day of school. Sixth grade iPad distribution was combined with the sixth-grade orientation event. This was a great idea as we were able to get the parents out as well and went over school expectations and our Positive Behaviors in School Program. Some parents were pleased that they did not have to come back in the event to get their students' iPads. Grade-level meetings were held with students to lay out building expectations and to give them tools and tips to have a successful school year. Upcoming events include Back to School Night on September 14th; Middle School Spirit Week October 11 through the 14th; Student Picture Day on October 11th and 12th; and the Middle School Fall Dance from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. New staff members in the Middle School this year are Mackenzie Lien – 7th grade Math; Marissa Sanders – 7th Grade ELA; Paul Flagg – 7th Grade Science; and April Potts – ESL.

Joseph Visalli, Clayton High School Principal, reported that the High School had a great opening to the school year. Distribution of iPads took place during Physical Education classes and lunches the first few days of school. The High School Select Choir will be singing at the annual alumni luncheon next week. Back to School Night for the High School is scheduled for Thursday, September 15th at 6:30 p.m. Sports teams are now up and rolling. The First Band Competition will be held on Saturday, September 17th, at Ridley High School. Start Strong testing is scheduled for September 27th through the 29th. School Pictures will be taken October 11th and 12th. PSAT Testing is scheduled for October 12th. Spirit Week for the High School is set for October 17th through the 21st with the game and dance to be held on Friday and Saturday.

On motion by Jeremiah Long, seconded by Susan Giordano and carried by a roll call vote of six ayes (Connell, Roche, Giordano, Long, Shaw, Ward), zero nays, and five abstentions (Shaw on Item IV C, IV N, VII D, VII F 11, VII F 12), the Board took the following action:

- B. Bylaws, Policies, and Regulations - Attachment IV B
Approved the following policies and regulation on the second reading; first reading took place at the August 16, 2022 meeting:

Policy 5722	Student Journalism
Policy 4216	Dress and Grooming
Policy 1511	Board of Education Website Accessibility
Regulation 2418	Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973-Student

- C. External Evaluation Contract for the 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant
Approved the contract with Linchpin Solutions LLC for external evaluation of the 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant for the 2022-2023 school year in the amount of \$12,000.
- D. GCSSSD Services Proposal for CRESS
Approved the agreement with GCSSSD CRESS for physical therapy services 1 day per week for 37 days at the rate of \$555 per day (Total \$20,535) for the 2022-2023 school year.
- E. First Children Services/REAL Agreement for Educational Services
Approved the agreement with First Children Services/REAL for educational services for Student 2318999 in the amount of \$38,064 for the 2022-2023 school year.
- F. Kingsway Learning Center Physical Therapy Evaluation
Approved the contract with Kingsway Learning Center in the amount of \$350 for a Physical Therapy Evaluation for Student 27602.
- G. Graduate Student Intern
Granted approval for Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine graduate student Alyssa Williams to complete a graduate student internship with the Student Connection Center for the 2022-2023 school year and approve the training affiliation agreement.
- H. High School Profile - Attachment IV H
Approved the High School Profile for the 2022-2023 school year.
- I. Field Trips and Activities - Attachment IV I
Approved the field trips and activities as listed on the attachment.
- J. Discipline Grid - Attachment IV J
Approved the 2022-2023 High School/Middle School Discipline Grid.
- K. Home Schooling
Acknowledged home schooling of the following students for the 2022-2023 school year: Student 29061; Student 31043; Student 35011; Student 27622
- L. Home Instruction
Approved home instruction for Student 28091 beginning 9/6/2022 (end date to be determined) with A Step Ahead Inspira providing the instruction at the rate of \$40 per hour for 5 hours per week for Language Arts 7, Social Studies 7, Science 7, and Math 7.

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M. Out of District Placements

Approved the following out of district placements for the 2022-2023 school year:

Student 26022	Yale Cherry Hill
Student 2423699	GCSSSD Bankbridge Regional South High School

N. 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant Amendment

Approved the submission of the 21st Century Community Learning Center grant amendment to include support personnel.

V. BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

- A. Buildings and Grounds Report - Attachment V A
Approved the Report.

VI. SCHOOL SAFETY AND SECURITY

- A. School Emergency Evacuation Drill Reports - Attachment VI A
Approved the Reports.

VII. PERSONNEL

A. Leaves of Absence

Approved leaves of absence for the following employees:

Employee #6602	Beginning immediately through 10/23/2022
Employee #7003	Beginning 11/28/2022 through approximately 4/25/2023
Employee #6542	Beginning 9/28/2022 through approximately 11/28/2022
Employee #7048	Beginning immediately through 10/07/2022
Employee #6659	Beginning 9/19/2022 through 11/30/2022

B. Resignations

Accepted the following resignations:

Elizabeth Winterburn	From her position as Early Childhood Supervisor effective 9/9/2022
Yannique Benitez	From her position as Replacement Teacher for Preschool effective immediately

C. Volunteers

Approved the following individuals as volunteers for Girls' Soccer for the 2022-2023 school year pending receipt of required paperwork as recommended by the Superintendent: James Mayo; Jackson Harrington; Thierry Charles.

D. Curriculum Development 21st Century Community Learning Center After School Program Stipend

Approved a stipend for Susan Verrico in the amount of \$5,000 to develop curriculum for the 21st Century Community Learning Center Program that specifically addresses learning loss. Stipend payable through the Addressing Learning Loss (ESSER II) Grant. (20-484-100-110-00)

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E. Salary Adjustment
Approved a salary adjustment for Ariana Cecil to Step 4 Bachelor’s Degree plus 30 credits effective October 1, 2022.

F. Hiring
Approved the hiring of the following individuals for the 2022-2023 school year pending receipt of required paperwork as recommended by the Superintendent:

1. Khali Lee as Middle School Art Teacher at a salary of Step 1 Master’s Degree \$54,270
2. Paul Flagg as Middle School Science Teacher at a salary of Step 1 Master’s Degree \$54,270
3. Melissa Weber as Nurse’s Assistant at the rate of \$14 per hour not to exceed 25 hours per week
4. Mahir Yilmaz as High School Business Teacher at a salary of Step 1 Bachelor’s Degree \$51,551
5. Ariana Cecil and Tisa Caltabiano as PBSIS Co-Coordinator at the rate of \$864 each
6. Arielle Wilgus as Cafeteria/Playground Aide at the Elementary School at the rate of \$14 per hour for 3 ½ hours per day

7. AM/PM Supervisors for Elementary School

Christina Perna	\$19.58 per hour
Megan Colon	\$17.92 per hour
Rachel Kopania	\$30 per hour

8. Co-Curricular Appointments

Sound/Light Coordinator (School Year)	Aaron Shugarts
Class of 2026 Co-Advisor	Mary Bernadette Hooley ½ stipend
ES Department Chair - Kindergarten	Diane Bergman
ES Department Chair - 1st Grade	Susan Milillo
ES Department Chair - 2nd Grade	Jaclynn Biebel
ES Department Chair - 3rd Grade	Lauren Campisi
ES Department Chair - 4th Grade	Donna Antonelli
ES Department Chair - 5th Grade	Nicole Colamarino
ES Department Chair - BSI/Special Areas	Jennifer Guht

9. Family Friendly Center Clipperville Staff Members

Facilitators	Khali Lee; Aaron Shugarts; Christian Thomas; Rachel Kopania	\$30 per hour
Substitute Facilitator	Megan Reed	\$30 per hour

10. Math, Reading, and Writing Clinics Staff Members

High School	Frank Rago (Math); Noah Schoeler (Math); Deborah Gelston (Reading/Writing)	\$40 per hour; 3 hours per week
Middle School	Alexis Papakostas (Reading/Writing); Mia Searles (Reading/Writing); Noah Schoeler (Math); Frank Rago (Math)	\$40 per hour; 3 hours per week

11. 21st Century Community Learning Center Program Facilitators

The following staff members to facilitate programs and/or sub for same programs at the rate of \$25 per hour for 1 to 15 hours per week: Christopher Baker, Ariana Cecil, Katherine Cherney, Fred Georgette, Canaan Gonzalez, Shweta Gupta, Lee Henry, Mary-Bernadette Hooley, Quintin Koreck, Julia Kotyla, Paige Landgraf, Noah Lehman, Christine Pancoast, Susan Redfield, Noah Schoeler, Mia Searles, Leo Warriner

12. 21st Century Community Learning Center Program Support Personnel

Samantha Connolly, Patricia Reuter, Darlene Bryant (Sub) at \$25 per hour for 1 to 15 hours per week

13. Twilight Program Staff Members

English Teacher	Deborah Gelston	\$40 per hour
Math Teacher	Christopher Gassler	\$40 per hour
Social Studies Teacher	Leo Warriner	\$40 per hour
PE/Health Teacher	Christian Thomas	\$40 per hour
Elective Teacher	Noelia Martinez	\$40 per hour
Science Teacher	Christina Tiesi	\$40 per hour
Substitute Teachers	Frank Venuto, Nancy Kinsley	\$40 per hour
Secretaries	Debra Hutton; Mary Pfeifer	\$20 per hour
Counselors	Tyler Fruits; Ashley Smith	\$40 per hour
Administrators	Joseph Visalli; Daniel Antonelli; Joseph Valentino; Matthew Slater; Marvin Tucker	\$50 per hour

14. Solomon Jones as Small Group Instructor at a salary of \$23,500 prorated

VIII. COMMUNICATIONS

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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- X. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. Juul Class Action Lawsuit

XI. FINANCIAL REPORTS

On motion by Jeremiah Long, seconded by Susan Giordano and carried by a roll call vote of six ayes (Connell, Roche, Giordano, Long, Shaw, Ward), zero nays, and zero abstentions, the Board took the following action:

- A. Reports of the Secretary to the Board of Education - Attachments XI A
Approved the July 31, 2022 and August 31, 2022 Reports of the Secretary to the Board of Education.
- B. Reports of the Treasurer to the Board of Education - Attachments XI B
Approved the July 31, 2022 and August 31, 2022 Reports of the Treasurer to the Board of Education.
- C. Appropriations and Revenue Adjustments - Attachments XI C
Approved the Appropriations and Revenue Adjustments.

- D. Bill Lists - Attachment XI D
Approved payment of Bill Lists as follows:

August 2022 2nd Bill List	\$1,262,353.17
August 2022 Cafeteria Bill List	\$29,897.04
September 2022 Bill List	\$944,623.32

- E. Payroll Reports
Approved the Payroll Reports:

8/15/2022	\$270,815.11
8/30/2022	\$245,852.63

- F. Certifications
Certified the following:

1. Board Secretary’s Reports July and August 2022: The Board Secretary certifies that no line item account has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10c3 and that sufficient funds are available to meet the District’s financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.
2. Treasurer’s Reports July and August 2022: The July 31, 2022 and August 31, 2022 Reports of the Treasurer of School Funds for the 2022-2023 school year are in agreement with the Report of the Board Secretary.
3. Board of Education Certification: The Clayton Board of Education hereby certifies, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10c4, that after review of the secretary’s monthly financial reports (appropriations section) and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials, that to the best of our knowledge no major accounts or funds have been over-expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10c and that

sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

XII. VISITORS' REMARKS

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There were no public comments.

CLOSE PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION

On motion by Jeremiah Long, seconded by Susan Giordano and carried by voice vote, the Public Comment Session was closed at 7:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Jeremiah Long, seconded by Susan Giordano and carried by voice vote, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Adler
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary