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## Business Meeting of the School District of Clayton Board of Education September 1, 2021 Meeting Minutes

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| <p><b>Members Present:</b><br/>         Ms. Amy Rubin – President<br/>         Mr. Gary Pierson – Vice President<br/>         Ms. Kim Hurst – Treasurer<br/>         Ms. Stacy Siwak – Board Secretary<br/>         Mr. Joe Miller – Director<br/>         Mr. Jason Wilson – Director</p> <p>Absent: Mr. Steve Singer – Director</p> | <p><b>Central Office administrators present:</b><br/>         Dr. Nisha Patel – Superintendent<br/>         Dr. Milena Garganigo - Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning<br/>         Ms. Mary Jo Gruber - Chief Financial Officer<br/>         Mr. Cameron Poole - Chief Equity and Inclusion Officer<br/>         Mr. Jeff Puls - Chief Technology Officer<br/>         Dr. Robyn Wiens - Assistant Superintendent of Student Services</p> <p>Sandy Menchella – Executive Assistant to Superintendent/Board of Education</p> <p>Absent: Dr. Tony Arnold – Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources<br/>         Mr. Chris Tennill - Chief Communications Officer</p> |
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### **1. Call to Order - Joint Meeting with Board of Education and Board of Aldermen**

#### **Information, Procedural: 1.01 Call to Order Joint Meeting, Pledge of Allegiance**

The joint meeting between the City of Clayton Board of Aldermen and the School District of Clayton Board of Education was called to order at 6:32 p.m. Board member, Steve Singer, was absent from this meeting.

### **2. Recognizing Our Own**

#### **Information: 2.01 Mayor's Youth Advisory Council (MYAC)**

Mayor Michelle Harris introduced the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council (MYAC) 2021-2022 led by their Community Advisor, Jenny Abeles. Students recognized were:

- Seraphina Corbo
- Isabel Erdmann
- Paige Espe
- Anisha Jarang
- Lily Kleinhenz
- Aisha Kuzez
- Shane LaGesse
- Willa Melander
- Ana Meyers
- Issac Millians
- Ana Mitreva
- Iris Park
- Larry Quian
- Ivy Reed
- Ayden Simckes
- Alexander Sien
- Don Ung
- Zach Wang

### **3. Study**

#### **Information, Discussion: 3.01 CRSWC Annual Update/Budget Fiscal Year 2021-2022**

Ms. Patty DeForrest, Director of Parks and Recreation, from the Clayton Recreation Sports and Wellness Commission provided the annual update to our Board of Education on our joint budget with the City of Clayton.

### **4. Adjourn to Regular Meeting**

#### **Action, Procedural: 4.01 Adjourn - Board of Education/Board of Alderman Joint Session**

*That the Board of Education will adjourn the joint meeting of the Board of Education and Board of Alderman to enter into the business meeting*

Motion by Stacy Siwak, second by Gary Pierson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Amy Rubin, Gary Pierson, Kimberly Hurst, Stacy Siwak, Joe Miller, Jason Wilson

Not Present at Vote: Steve Singer

The City of Clayton Board of Alderman/School District of Clayton Board of Education meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

### **5. Call to Order**

#### **Information, Procedural: 5.01 Statement of Adequate Notice, Pledge of Allegiance**

The business meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 7:41 p.m.

### **6. Superintendent Communications**

#### **Information: 6.01 Superintendent Communications**

Dr. Patel's communicated the following topics to the Board and community: Wydown Middle School was named a Gold Star School. Dr. Margie Vandeven, the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Commissioner, was present for the announcement at Wydown. Dr. Patel also reported on the first week of school, the focus on professional learning communities for all teachers, the professional development opportunities offered to all staff, as well as recommendations for COVID measures and mitigating factors.

### **7. Student Representative to the Board**

#### **Information: 7.01 Student Representative to the Board of Education**

Our student representative, Aitana Rosas Linhard, reported on the following topics to the Board: The start of school is going smoothly, mitigating measures are in place, QR codes are at lunch tables for contact tracing, tents are placed outside for students in the quad to sit and eat lunch, elementary school students eat at their desks with plastic dividers, both middle and high school students have started a new block schedule, lab and simulations have started back up, the first fire drill was held, sports started with practices, games and matches, elections are being held for student government elections, Wydown received the Gold Star award, District Advisory Council applications are open to all high school students, and discussions have started with elementary and middle school levels to get involved as well. Schools are starting to feel normal again and students are excited about it.

### **8. Study Items**

#### **Study, First Reading: 8.01 First Reading - DK - Payment Process**

Mary Jo Gruber, Chief Financial Officer, presented the first reading for Policy DK - Payment Process.

#### **Study, First Reading: 8.02 First Reading - EBAB - Hazardous Materials**

Mary Jo Gruber, Chief Financial Officer, presented the first reading for Policy EBAB - Hazardous Materials for discussion.

## **9. Action Items**

### **Action: 9.01 CRSWC Annual Update/Budget FY 2021-22**

*That the Board of Education approve the Fiscal Year 2022 CRSWC budget as submitted.*

Motion by Stacy Siwak, second by Gary Pierson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Amy Rubin, Gary Pierson, Kimberly Hurst, Stacy Siwak, Joe Miller, Jason Wilson

Not Present at Vote: Steve Singer

### **Action: 9.02 2022 Employee Benefit Plan Renewal and Recommendations**

*That the Board of Education approve the carrier recommendations and respective rates representing an overall increase of 3.4% for the 2022 calendar year as presented and authorize administration to negotiate and execute contracts for the same.*

Motion by Stacy Siwak, second by Gary Pierson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Amy Rubin, Gary Pierson, Kimberly Hurst, Stacy Siwak, Joe Miller, Jason Wilson

Not Present at Vote: Steve Singer

## **10. Consent Agenda**

### **Action (Consent): 10.01 Motion to Approve Consent Agenda Items 10.02 to 10.03**

*That the Board of Education approve the consent agenda.*

Action (Consent): 10.02 Personnel

Action (Consent), Minutes: 10.03 Approval of Minutes - August 18, 2021

Motion by Stacy Siwak, second by Gary Pierson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Amy Rubin, Gary Pierson, Kimberly Hurst, Stacy Siwak, Joe Miller, Jason Wilson

Not Present at Vote: Steve Singer

## **11. Financials**

### **Action: 11.01 Financials - June 2021**

*That the Board of Education approve payment of current expenditures and investments for June 2021 as detailed below*

Motion by Stacy Siwak, second by Gary Pierson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Amy Rubin, Gary Pierson, Kimberly Hurst, Stacy Siwak, Joe Miller, Steve Singer, Jason Wilson

## **12. Public Comment**

### **Information: 12.01 Public Participation at Board Meetings**

Dr. Milena Garganigo, Assistant Superintendent Teaching and Learning, read public comments from the following people regarding the Summer Quest Program:

Stephanie Gross

Laura & Michael Bond

Sam Abeles

Lori Hausladen

Joshua Wilmsmeyer  
Emily Balestra  
Caroline Brightman  
Doug Verby  
Amber Kempf  
Andrew Boeylink  
Tyler Poelker  
Rick Horas  
Colin Connor  
Caroline Stamp  
Patrick Mullen  
Keith Baker  
Loria Weissert-Madriz  
Maura Murphy-Pusateri  
Tom Walsh  
Nathan Peck  
Christine Langenbacher  
Sarah Falkoff  
Julie Connor

### **13. Board Communications**

#### **Information: 13.01 Board Calendar, Committee, Community and Liaison Reports**

The board members presented comments about the first week of school.

Ms. Stacy Siwak reported on visiting the schools with Dr. Patel.

Ms. Kim Hurst provided information on the Clayton Education Foundation report, which consists of new committees and Homecoming activities.

Mr. Gary Pierson reported on being a part of the Wydown Gold Star announcement.

### **14. Adjournment**

#### **Action, Procedural: 14.01 Adjournment**

*That the Board of Education adjourn.*

Motion by Stacy Siwak, second by Gary Pierson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

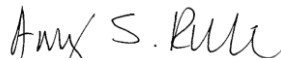
Yes: Amy Rubin, Gary Pierson, Kimberly Hurst, Stacy Siwak, Joe Miller, Jason Wilson

*The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 p.m.*



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Stacy Siwak, Board Secretary



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Amy Rubin, Board President  
Approved: September 29, 2021