

Clarence Board of Education

Responsibility

Members of the Clarence Board of Education are unpaid public officials elected at large by District voters to three-year terms. The Board has the authority, under guidelines set forth in New York State Education Law, to adopt policies, rules, and bylaws to fulfill their responsibilities and to secure the best educational results for the students within their charge. In exercising their authority and performing their duties, board members act as representatives of all the citizens of the Clarence School District.

School Board Meetings

The Board of Education conducts its business in open meetings, which the public is invited to and encouraged to attend. Meetings are held once a month at 7 pm in the Lecture Hall at Clarence High School. Dates, time and locations, however, are subject to change. For the most up-to-date information, please call 407-9100 or refer to the District Website. Agendas outlining the order of business for the meeting are available online. Each Board member receives a packet of materials that includes the agenda and explanatory materials in advance so that they may have time to study the items before they discuss them and make a decision on them at the meeting.

Public Participation

Time is allotted at each meeting to allow for public participation. At the appointed time in the agenda, the Board president will recognize District residents who wish to make a brief statement or express a viewpoint. During the budget development process (January-April), special budget study sessions are held in addition to monthly board meetings. Individuals who would like to formally address the Board may make a request to be placed on the agenda. Letters of request should be sent to Dr. Geoffrey M. Hicks, Superintendent of Schools, at least seven days prior to the meeting.

Budget Referendum & Board Election

Board elections are held on the third Tuesday in May in conjunction with the annual vote on the District budget. Candidates for the board must be 18 years of age or older, a United States citizen, and a District resident for at least one year prior to the election. Prospective candidates must file nominating petitions with the District Clerk. Petitions are available at the District Office, 9625 Main Street, Clarence.

Voter Verification System

Voting inspectors will confirm a voter's eligibility by checking Erie County voter registration records. Voters must be at least 18 years of age, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the school district at least 30 days immediately prior to the vote. If you are eligible to vote in a school election, but are not a registered voter, you may sign an affidavit attesting to your eligibility. Absentee ballots are available to eligible voters who cannot get to the polls on the day of the election due to illness or travel outside the county. For questions, call 407-9013.

Board of Education Meetings

Board of Education Regular Meetings begin at 7 PM unless otherwise indicated. Dates, times, and locations are subject to change. Check the website for the most up-to-date information - www.clarenceschools.org.

8/27/18 - Regular Meeting at CHS Lecture Hall
9/17/18 - Regular Meeting at CHS Lecture Hall
10/15/18 - Regular Meeting at CMS
11/5/18 - Regular Meeting at Ledgeview Elementary
12/10/18 - Regular Meeting at Harris Hill Elementary
1/14/19 - Regular Meeting at Clarence Center Elementary
1/28/19 - Budget Study Session 1 CHS Lecture Hall
2/11/19 - Regular Meeting at Sheridan Hill Elementary
2/25/19 - Budget Study Session 2 at CHS Lecture Hall
3/11/19 - Regular Meeting at CHS Lecture Hall
3/25/19 - Budget Study Session 3 at CHS Lecture Hall
4/15/19 - Regular Meeting/Budget Adoption at CHS Lecture Hall
5/6/19 - Regular Meeting/Budget Public Hearing at CHS Lecture Hall
6/10/19 - Regular Meeting at CHS Lecture Hall

For information about the Board of Education members please visit the website at
<http://clarenceschools.org/Page/2147>