

**KARNS CITY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD ACTION**

April 11, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

--The Regular Meeting was called to order by Mr. Price at 8:27 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

--Approved minutes of the March 14, 2022 meeting.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT:

--No Report.

PUBLIC TO BE HEARD

--Mr. Joshua Smith addressed the Board regarding baseball. Mr. Smith stated he is the head baseball coach and was a volunteer for 5 or 6 years before coaching. He does not have a child involved with the program but he cares about the students and coaching staff of Karns City. Current home games require 30 to 40 minutes of travel to a playing field and he would like to see a more local home field. Mr. Smith has done some research into local options, but there is not a field that can accommodate high school baseball. Mr. Smith brought up the opportunity to work with Fairview Township to build a facility at Fairview Municipal Park. Mr. Smith indicated that from his interactions with the township, they would be receptive to ideas. The baseball program is growing within the school as indicated by this year's need to cut some players. He also asked for baseball coaches wages to be reviewed and updated.

--Mrs. Holly Dunlap addressed the Board regarding several concerns. Mrs. Dunlap indicated there is a need to expand the baseball and softball programs to the junior high level to provide opportunity for more students. As a former softball player, she related her experiences to some athletes in which softball may be the only sport they participate in. Regarding the possibility of separating Board meetings into two meetings, Mrs. Dunlap voiced her concern regarding the additional cost and availability for solicitor, public attendance, Board Members, and the logistics of separate meetings. Mrs. Dunlap inquired about the food service policy regarding over drawn lunch accounts and who would have the responsibility to manage the accounts and notifications. Mrs. Dunlap shared her support of a local policy or procedure in conjunction with the new Keystone standardized testing requirements. She felt some students may not meet the testing requirements, so a local policy or procedure may assist those students to graduate. Lastly, Mrs. Dunlap noted that she has purchased items at her personal expense to decorate the cafeteria she works in. This was in note of various departments using personal funds, and not only the professional staff.

BOARD LIAISONS:

CAFETERIA LIAISON

--Approved Cafeteria Financial Report, as submitted.

--Approved Cafeteria Bills, as submitted.

ATHLETICS LIAISON

--No Report.

TRANSPORTATION LIAISON

--Approved the addition of bus/equipment submitted by Shriver Bus Company for the 2021-2022 school year, as submitted.

--Approved the addition(s)/deletion(s) to the bus driver list submitted by Shriver Bus Contracting Services for the 2021-2022 school year, pending successful completion and receipt of all required clearances and forms.

Add - Ms. Jessica Hooks

Add – Ms. Katherine Kelley

BUILDING AND GROUNDS LIAISON

--Approved facility use request(s), as submitted.

--Awarded the Garbage Bid for the 2022-2023 through 2024-2025 school years to Schumacher Refuse with a total cost of \$52,416, as submitted.

--Approved the Drainage Easement Agreement between Karns City Area School District and Keith and Joanne Kramar on Tax Parcel 460-S2-RA-0006, as submitted.

--Approved for services from Sleighter Design to assist with the purchase of land adjoining the Karns City High School at a cost not to exceed \$2,000 plus applicable fees and legal costs.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES LIAISON

--Approved field trip(s), as submitted.

--Approved Scholarship Recipients to be recognized at graduation, as submitted.

JOHN A. BECK-ISABEL BECK JOHNSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP:

This selection is made by vote of the High School Faculty*

HOCH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP:

This selection is based on the results of the PSSA test*

*(Selections made public at graduation)

CURRICULUM AND TEXTBOOKS LIAISON

--Approved second and final read of McGraw Hill Inspire Science K-6 five-year agreement, at a cost not to exceed \$132,183.09, as submitted.

--Approved the Linkage Agreement between Karns City Area School District and Peerstar LLC, as submitted.

POLICY LIAISON

--Approved first read of revised policy 218, Student Discipline, as submitted.

--Approved first read of revised policy 220, Student Expression/Dissemination of Materials, as submitted.

--Approved first read of revised policy 227, Controlled Substances/paraphernalia, as submitted.

--Approved first read of revised policy 237, Electronic Devices, as submitted.

--Approved first read of revised policy 808, Food Services, as submitted.

FINANCE LIAISON

- Approved General Fund Bills, as submitted.
- Approved Treasurer's Report and Investment Report, as submitted.
- Approved Student Activity Fund Report, as submitted.
- Accepted the Local Audit Report for the 2020-2021 school year from Cypher & Cypher, as submitted.
- Approved the WPSHCC Medical and Prescription rates for the 2022-2023 school year, as submitted: (1% increase)
- Approved the Regent Solutions, United Concordia Dental Rates for the 2022-2023 school year, as submitted: Employee \$28.06; Employee + Spouse \$56.12; Employee + Child(ren) \$58.93; Employee + Family \$84.17 (8.5% increase from 2021-2022).
- Approved CM Regent Solutions renewal for Life, AD&D, and LTD insurance for the 2022-2023 school year, as submitted. (No cost increase from 2021-2022.)
- Approved the general fund budget transfer, as submitted.

PERSONNEL LIAISON

- Approved travel request(s), as submitted.
- Approved the additions(s)/deletion(s) to the substitute list, as submitted for the 2021-2022 school year pending successful completion of all required clearances under Act 24, Act 34, Act 114, Act 151, & Act 168, as submitted.
 - Add – Ms. Marianna Wolf, Act 91 Substitute Teacher
 - Add – Ms. Natalie Simpson, Substitute Paraprofessional
- Approved the additions(s)/deletion(s) to the volunteer list, as submitted for the 2021-2022 school year pending successful completion of all required clearances under Act 24, Act 34, Act 114, Act 151, & Act 168, as submitted.
 - Add - Ms. Holly Reedy, Band/Choir Volunteer
- Accepted the resignation of Mrs. Glenda Shakley, Part-time Paraprofessional, effective May 30, 2022, for the purpose of retirement, as submitted.
- Accepted the resignation of Ms. Margaret Craig, Elementary Instructor, for the purpose of retirement at the end of the 2021-2022 school year, as submitted.
- Accepted the resignation of Mrs. Mary Miller, Special Education Instructor, for the purpose of retirement at the end of the 2021-2022 school year, as submitted.
- Approved unpaid leave request for Mrs. Dana Brewer, Cafeteria Worker, on May 13, 2022, as submitted.
- Accepted the resignation of Ms. Natalie Simpson, Part-time Paraprofessional, effective April 13, 2022, as submitted.
- Approved a sabbatical leave for Mr. Cullen Farrell, Secondary Instructor, for the 2022-2023 school year, as submitted.
- Hired Ms. Ashley King, for the position of part-time Cafeteria Worker at a rate of \$11.17 per hour, per the current support staff collective bargaining agreement, effective April 12, 2022, with the approval to take May 3, 2022 as an unpaid day and pending successful completion and receipt of all required clearances under Act 24, Act 34, Act 114, Act 151, and Act 168.
- Approved the English Department Professional Development with Pearson/Savaas at a wage cost not to exceed \$650 and course fee not to exceed \$500 as submitted.
- Approved unpaid leave for Mrs. Lindsay Loheyde, School Counselor on March 29, 2022.

CAPITAL RESERVE LIAISON

--Approved capital project(s) bills, as submitted.

BCAVTS REPORT

--No Report.

MISCELLANEOUS

- Approved the resolution of the Karns City Area School Board, meeting on April 11, 2022, with a quorum present and with the majority voting in favor, nominating Mrs. Tara Hackwelder for consideration as an Intermediate Unit IV Board Member and recommend his/her election at the Annual Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV Convention on April 27, 2022, as submitted.
- Approved the agreement between Karns City Area School District and Mr. Davy Whitmire as the 2022 Graduation Sound Coordinator at a fee not to exceed \$600, as submitted.
- Approved the agreement between Karns City Area School District and NCS Pearson, Inc. for aimswebPlus Complete, with a cost not to exceed \$10,595, as submitted.
- Approved the agreement between Karns City Area School District and SHI International Corporation for Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) for Active Directory for a 1-year period at a cost not to exceed \$3,410, as submitted.
- Approved the renewal of Kami District Plan software license for digital classroom at a cost not to exceed \$4,530, as submitted.
- Approved the renewal of the annual movie licensing for the Karns City Area School District at a cost not to exceed \$1,350 as submitted.
- Accepted the appointment of Deputy Tax Collectors, as listed:
 - Bruin Borough - Tax Collector Jennifer Hutchison, Deputy Collector April McElravey
 - Fairview Borough - Tax Collector Robert Rodgers, Deputy Collector Michelle L. Rodgers
 - Chicora Borough - Tax Collector Robert Easley, Deputy Collector Marisa Easley
 - Donegal Township - Tax Collector Angela Karenbauer, Deputy Collector Charles Christy
 - Fairview Township - Tax Collector Sandra Potchak, Deputy Collector Michael Potchak
 - Parker Township - Tax Collector Jennifer Hutchison, Deputy Collector April McElravey
 - Karns City Borough - Tax Collector Robert Easley, Deputy Collector Marisa Easley
 - Petrolia Borough - Tax Collector Peg Merryman, Deputy Collector not yet provided
 - East Brady Borough - Tax Collector Kina Fink, Deputy Collector Harry Fink
 - Brady Township - Tax Collector Kina Fink, Deputy Collector Harry Fink
 - Sugarcreek Township - Tax Collector Christina Double, Deputy Collector Sharon Lucas
 - Brady's Bend Township - Tax Collector Sharon Lucas, Deputy Collector not yet provided
 - Perry Township - Tax Collector William Durham, Deputy Collector not yet provided
- Approved the sale of parcels in Armstrong County as ordered by the Court of Common Pleas of Armstrong County for public judicial sale, as submitted.
- Declared the modular structure(s) on the property of the Karns City Area School District located at 205 Kittanning Street, Chicora, PA 16025 be declared of no value to the school district and sold or razed in the most economical manner as part of the larger construction project that will take place at Chicora Elementary School.

ADJOURNMENT

- The Board moved to Executive Session at 9:05 p.m., returning at 10:59 p.m.
- The meeting adjourned at 11:00 p.m.