

CLAIRTON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Directors

Legislative Meeting Minutes

March 23, 2022

7:30 p.m.

(The Board met in Executive Session prior to the Legislative Meeting to discuss personnel and litigation issues)

I. Call to Order – Roger Tachoir, President of the Board of School Directors, called the meeting to order at 8:10 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Lawrence Carra	Present
Rikell Ford	Present
Felix Fusco	Present
Richard Livingston	Present
Artrena McKenzie	Present
Barbara Roberts	Present
Kathy Santoline	Present
Roger Tachoir	Present
Charles Wade	Present

Board of Directors: 9 Present 0 Absent

III. Salute to the Flag

IV. Approval of the Minutes – February 23, 2022

MOTION made by Ms. Ford, seconded by Ms. McKenzie, to approve the Minutes of the February 23, 2022 Legislative Meeting.

Non-Roll Call Vote: 9 Ayes 0 Nays 0 Absent 0 Abstentions APPROVED

V. Citizens Comments – Ms. Ashley Jackson, 644 Park Avenue, requested to speak. Ms. Jackson indicated the topic was regarding bus issues. Ms. Jackson stated that the bus scheduled to transport students attending Young Scholars was not stopping to pick the students up. The Solicitor addressed Ms. Jackson conveying to her there is a hearing

scheduled before Judge Klein, which Clairton is not a party to therefore, the District cannot comment. The hearing is with Young Scholars, Propel and PA/Sun Coach.

Mary Williams, 6003 8th Street, requested to speak. Ms. Williams indicated the topic was regarding bus driver issues. Ms. Williams reiterated similar issues as previously stated. She further expounded on concerns directly with the bus driver.

Mr. Tachoir remarked the Board would take all of these concerns into consideration, confirming what the Solicitor stated with regard to Clairton City School District's inability to legally comment.

VI. Presentations: Steel Center "Renovation Presentation"

Mr. Kevin Rice, Steel Center Executive Director, presented the Steel Center for Career and Technical Education proposed Renovation Plan highlighting goals, timelines and a cost summary for the improvement of Steel Center's Programs and addressing critical repairs, ADA and Building Code Compliance. Mr. Rice explained what adopting this plan would mean for Clairton City School District.

The presentation concluded with a brief question/discussion session. Accompanying Mr. Rice in support were Steel Center JOC/Board members; Dr. Randal Lutz, Superintendent of Baldwin-Whitehall School District and Mr. David Schapp, Brentwood School District Board Member. Virtually attending, Melissa Hughes, Senior Managing Consultant from Public Financial Management (PFM).

VII. Reports:

A. Administration – No Report

B. Solicitor's Report – No Report

C. Board Committees:

a) **Personnel** – Met 03/23/22 (*Executive Session for personnel issues*)

b) **Finance** – Met 03/15/22

c) **Curriculum/Technology** – No Report

d) **Building & Grounds** – No Report

e) **Athletics** – Met 03/08/22 (*Executive Session for personnel issues*)

f) **Recreation** – No Report

g) **Land Bank** – Met 03/10/22

h) **Steel Center** - Board Presentation 03/23/22

VIII. Treasurer’s Report – February 2022

MOTION made by Ms. Santoline, seconded by Mr. Livingston, to approve the Treasurer’s Report for the month of February 2022.

Non-Roll Call Vote: 9 Ayes 0 Nays 0 Absent 0 Abstentions APPROVED

IX. Payment of Bills – March 2022

MOTION made by Ms. Ford, seconded by Mr. Wade, to approve the Payment of Bills for the month of March 2022.

Non-Roll Call Vote: 9 Ayes 0 Nays 0 Absent 0 Abstentions APPROVED

X. Old Business – None

XI. New Business –

A. **MOTION** made by Ms. Roberts, seconded by Ms. McKenzie, to rescind the motion of the February 23, 2022 Legislative meeting to accept the resignation for the purpose of Martha Disman, High School Secretary, effective March 4, 2022.

Non-Roll Call Vote: 9 Ayes 0 Nays 0 Absent 0 Abstentions APPROVED

B. **MOTION** made by Ms. Roberts, seconded by Ms. Santoline, to accept the resignation for the purpose of retirement of Martha Disman, High School Secretary, effective March 31, 2022.

Non-Roll Call Vote: 9 Ayes 0 Nays 0 Absent 0 Abstentions APPROVED

At this time Mr. Tachoir informed the Board, due to recent COVID-19 related lifted mandates and in keeping with the District Health and Safety Plan protocols, the April and future Board Legislative Meetings will be a combination of in-person and virtual for citizen participation.

Administrative Agenda

Personnel Committee – Ms. Ford, Chairperson

ON MOTION made by Mr. Livingston, seconded by Mr. Wade, the Board of Directors, by non-roll call vote, approved the following items designated A. through D.

- A. Board accepted the resignation of Edward Ulmer, Secondary Social Studies Teacher, effective date not to exceed sixty (60) days beyond written resignation, as per PA School Code.
- B. Board accepted the resignation of Edward Ulmer, Athletic Director, effective April 22, 2022.
- C. Board accepted the resignation of Emily Meola, Secondary School Counselor, date not to exceed sixty (60) days beyond written resignation, as per PA School Code.
- D. Board ratified the employment of Sh’ron Sloan, as High School Secretary, Level I – 12-month position in accordance with the terms and conditions of the agreement between the District and the Clairton Secretarial Association (CSA), effective March 1, 2022.

Non-Roll Call Vote: 9 Ayes 0 Nays 0 Absent 0 Abstentions APPROVED

- E. **MOTION** made by Ms. Roberts, seconded by Ms. McKenzie, to approve the amended contract between Clairton City School District and Tamara Allen-Thomas, Superintendent in accordance with the terms and conditions of the contract executed between Tamara Allen-Thomas and the District, effective July 1, 2022 year, as submitted.

Roll Call:

Felix Fusco	Yes
Richard Livingston	Yes
Artrena McKenzie	Yes
Barbara Roberts	Yes
Kathy Santoline	Yes
Roger Tachoir	Yes
Charles Wade	Yes
Lawrence Carra	Yes
Rikell Ford	Yes

Roll Call Vote 9 Ayes 0 Nays 0 Absent 0 Abstentions APPROVED

ON MOTION made by Ms. McKenzie, seconded by Mr. Livingston, the Board of Directors, by non-roll call vote, approved the following items designated F. through J.

- F. Board approved the updated Day-to-Day Substitute List for 2021/2022, as submitted.
- G. Board ratified Intermittent FMLA Leave of Kimberly Gawlas under the guidelines of the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA), commencing February 23, 2022 through April 1, 2022, as per the terms of the CESP/District Agreement, as submitted.
- H. Board approved unpaid Medical Leave of Sally Kunkel, Elementary Teacher commencing April 6, 2022 through April 25, 2022, as per the terms of the CEA/District Agreement, as submitted.
- I. Board approved the Program of Studies & Course Descriptions for the 2022/2023 school year, as submitted.
- J. Board approved the 2022/2023 school calendar, as submitted.

Non-Roll Call Vote: 9 Ayes 0 Nays 0 Absent 0 Abstentions APPROVED

Building and Grounds Committee – Mr. Livingston, Chairperson

K. **MOTION** made by Ms. Santoline, seconded by Ms. Roberts, to approve Tribella’s Dance Academy to use the Auditorium for dance practice on Sunday(s), March 20 and March 27, 2022 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. All fees have been waived. Ms. Trubiani is responsible for this program, as submitted.

Non-Roll Call Vote 9 Ayes 0 Nays 0 Absent 0 Abstentions APPROVED

Business Administrator’s Agenda

Finance Committee – Mr. Fusco, Chairperson

ON MOTION made by Mr. Wade, seconded by Ms. Santoline, the Board of Directors, by non-roll call vote, approved the following items designated A. and B.

- A. Board accepted the proposed 2022/2023 Allegheny Intermediate Unit Program of Services Budget in the amount of \$2,243,173.00. The Clairton City School District contribution to the AIU Program of Services Budget is estimated to be \$3,990.00 and will be determined by PDE according to District Aid Ratio and Weighted Average Daily Membership (WADM).

- B. Board approved Coach Wade to use the school van to travel to Woodland Hills on Wednesday(s), May 4, 18, 25; Penn State on Friday, June 10 and Pitt on Sunday, June 26, 2022. This is an outside group and they are responsible for all expenses.

Non-Roll Call Vote 9 Ayes 0 Nays 0 Absent 0 Abstentions APPROVED

Athletic Agenda

Athletic Committee – Mr. Carra, Chairperson

ON MOTION made by Ms. McKenzie, seconded by Mr. Wade, the Board of Directors, by non-roll call vote, approved the following items designated A. through F.

- A. Board accepted the resignation of Cedric Lloyd, Third Assistant/Linebackers and Running Backs, effective March 4, 2022, as submitted.
- B. Board ratified Andre Carr as Scorekeeper- JV/V Boys Basketball and Varsity Girls Basketball during the 2021/2022 basketball season to be paid in accordance with the terms of the agreement between the District and the Clairton Education Association (CEA).
- C. Board approved Tara Fields as Assistant Track Coach for the 2021/2022 school year, effective immediately, in accordance with the terms of the agreement between the District and the Clairton Education Association (CEA).
- D. Board appointed Thomas McCloskey as Acting Athletic Director effective April 12, 2022 until the new Athletic Director has been hired.
- E. Board ratified the establishment of a Saturday recreational basketball program for students third through sixth grade under the guidance of the Middle and Varsity Basketball Coaches from February 19th through April 30th, 2022. This program will be ongoing each school year with dates to be stipulated.
- F. Board awarded a three-year contract for athletic training services to UPMC Sports Medicine with a total cost of \$93,780.00, as submitted.

Non-Roll Call Vote 9 Ayes 0 Nays 0 Absent 0 Abstentions APPROVED

XII. MOTION made by Ms. Roberts, seconded by Ms. McKenzie, at 8:56 p.m. to ADJOURN.

Respectfully submitted:

Gayle S. Colonna
Secretary to the Board