

CLAIRTON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Directors

Legislative Meeting Minutes

February 23, 2022

7:30 p.m.

I. Call to Order – Roger Tachoir, President of the Board of School Directors, called the meeting to order at 7:30 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
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III. Salute to the Flag

IV. Approval of the Minutes – January 26, 2022

MOTION made by Mr. Livingston, seconded by Ms. Ford, to approve the Minutes of the January 26, 2022 Legislative Meeting.

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

V. Presentations: None

VI. Reports:

A. Administration – No Report

B. Solicitor’s Report – No Report

C. Board Committees:

- a) **Personnel** – No Report
- b) **Finance** – Met 02/15/22
- c) **Curriculum/Technology** – No Report
- d) **Building & Grounds** – Met 2/23/22
(Executive Session regarding Real Estate)
- e) **Athletics** – No Report
- f) **Recreation** – No Report
- g) **Land Bank** – Met 02/10/22
- h) **Steel Center** – Met 02/01/22
Steel Center FORUM – Tuesday, March 8, 2022
“Renovation Presentation” to the Board scheduled March 23, 2022

VII. Citizens Comments – None

VIII. Treasurer’s Report – January 2022

MOTION made by Mr. Livingston, seconded by Mr. Carra, to approve the Treasurer’s Report for the month of January 2022.

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

IX. Payment of Bills – February 2022

MOTION made by Ms. Roberts, seconded by Ms. McKenzie, to approve the Payment of Bills for the month of February 2022.

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

X. Old Business – None

XI. New Business – None

Mr. Tachoir announced the Board of Directors received late notification of a staff member’s resignation and will adhere to the laws of the Sunshine Act with deliberation and voting to take place during the regularly scheduled meetings in March.

Administrative Agenda

Personnel Committee – Ms. Ford, Chairperson

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

- A. Board accepted, with regret, her resignation for the purpose of retirement of Martha Disman, High School Secretary, effective March 4, 2022. Ms. Disman has been with the District 10 years.
- B. Board accepted, with regret, her resignation for the purpose of retirement of Cheryl Englert, Elementary Teacher, effective June 6, 2022. Ms. Englert has been with the District 30 years.

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

- C. **MOTION** made by Ms. Santoline, seconded by Ms. Roberts, to Amend the Assistant Superintendent Contract with Thomas McCloskey as presented and to revise his title to Assistant Superintendent/Deputy Superintendent with an adjusted salary to \$130,000.

Roll Call:

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

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

Mr. Livingston commented, Tom (Mr. McCloskey) has been with the district for 27 years. During that time, he has been a Paraprofessional, English Teacher, Dean of Students, High School Principal and Alternative Education Principal. His current position is Assistant Superintendent for Cyber, Special Education and the Health and Safety Program. With this new title, Assistant Superintendent/Deputy Superintendent, Tom becomes the first CHS graduate to achieve this level in our District. Tom can be described as a truly nice guy. During his interview he stated, and I quote, “no matter what the board decides I am a Clairton Boy and this is my home. I am not going anywhere and I will work with anyone chosen.” Tom is a true Clairtonian! Thank you Tom.

- D. **MOTION** made by Mr. Fusco, seconded by Mr. Carra, to hire Dr. Tamara Allen-Thomas, as Superintendent of the Clairton City School District for a 5-year term at a salary of \$145,000, effective July 1, 2022, contingent upon final approval of the Superintendent Contract, as negotiated by the Solicitor.

Roll Call:

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

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

Mr. Tachoir stated, “on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Clairton City School District, I would like to welcome Dr. Tamara Allen-Thomas as our next Superintendent. In light of the extensive search process that we have conducted with the help of Dr. Pat O’Toole and Dr. Joe Clapper, we are excited to have Dr. Allen-Thomas join us. We are looking forward to a smooth transition in continuing with the many initiatives and relationships started by our retiring Superintendent, Dr. Ginny Hunt.

Dr. Hunt has eagerly expressed the desire to make this transition as successful as possible. It is with great pleasure that I welcome Dr. Tamara Allen-Thomas as the newest member of our Clairton Bear family.”

At this time Mr. Tachoir invited Dr. Allen-Thomas to comment on her appointment. Dr. Allen-Thomas began by thanking the Board of Directors, Dr. O’Toole, Dr. Clapper and the Interview Leadership Team for their part in the interview process and was looking forward to working with Dr. Hunt during the transition. She further stated, “I am excited about the opportunity to work with the Clairton City School District. I look forward to providing the district’s scholars with a firm educational foundation that will allow them to reach their highest potential. I look forward to building strong collaborative relationships with students, families, staff, administration, board, and community to ensure that our scholars are given every opportunity to become leaders today.”

In support of Dr. Allen-Thomas, she was accompanied by her husband Charles, son Isaac, daughter Faith and mother Karla.

Dr. O'Toole, Consultant, stated he was pleased Dr. Allen-Thomas accepted the position and shared she has much energy and passion, adding, Dr. Allen-Thomas and Mr. McCloskey will make a good team. He thanked the Board for the opportunity to have worked with them further commenting on their fine character and that he and Dr. Clapper were fortunate to have worked with them. He concluded by thanking the Interview Leadership Team and wishing Dr. Hunt well on her retirement.

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

- E. Board ratified the Employee Agreement between Clairton City School District and Monique Semian to act as Attendance Coordinator (K-12), effective February 14, 2022, as submitted.
- F. Board approved the updated Day-To-Day Substitute List for 2021/2022, as submitted.
- G. Board approved unpaid Medical Leave of Jennifer Wardropper, Secondary Special Education commencing February 8, 2022, as per the terms of the CEA/District Agreement, as submitted.
- H. Board established and approved the use of Classroom Monitor with the rate of pay at \$150/per day, according to the requirements of Act 91, as submitted.

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

Curriculum Committee – Ms. Roberts, Chairperson

ON MOTION made by Ms. McKenzie, seconded by Ms. Santoline, the Board of Directors, by non-roll call vote, approved the following items designated I. through K.

- I. Board approved a disciplinary agreement made January 19, 2022 by and between the Clairton City School District and Student A charged with violations of the District's Code of Student Conduct, as submitted.
- J. Board approved a disciplinary agreement made January 24, 2022 by and between the Clairton City School District and Student B charged with violations of the District's Code of Student Conduct, as submitted.
- K. Board approved The New Pennsylvania Project in Allegheny County to utilize the Clairton Education Center to engage students in the election process according to rules of IRS Section 501c(3), as directed by the Guidance Office, as submitted.

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

Building and Grounds Committee – Mr. Livingston, Chairperson

- L. **MOTION** made by Mr. Wade, seconded by Ms. Santoline, to approve the use of the gymnasium to Clairton Metro Basketball all day on Saturday March 26 and Sunday March 27, 2022, *(times to be determined)* to host a double elimination tournament open to 8th grade boys AAU/Travel/Metro teams. Clairton Metro Basketball is responsible for proper maintenance of the areas used. Mr. Rashawd Hatten is the person in authority of this function. All fees have been waived. *(Pending receipt of Insurance Certificate)*

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 Ms. Roberts, seconded by Ms. McKenzie, the Board of Directors, by non-roll call vote, approved the following items designated A. through F.

- A. Board accepted donation from the Wilson Civic Association in the amount of \$5,000 and recognize the restriction that it be used for the purchase of supplies for the Elementary School.
- B. Board approved to renew the Lease Agreement for Miller Avenue School Annex between Clairton City School District and Allegheny Intermediate Unit Head Start Program to pay in the amount of Sixty-One Thousand, Two Hundred and 00/100 dollars (\$61,200.00) payable in thirty-six (36) installments of One-Thousand, Seven Hundred and 00/100 Dollars (\$1,700.00), as submitted.
- C. Board accepted the bid for the sale of Real Property commonly known as Parcel ID 1002-B-00010-0000-00 consisting of approximately 0.263 acres of land in the amount of \$501.00 from successful bidder Richard J. Costanzo DBA RJ, Costanzo Enterprises LLC, as submitted.
- D. Board accepted the bid for Internal Connections Equipment and/or Services and Related Maintenance in the amount not exceed \$160,000.00 from successful bidder Computer CenterLine of Greensburg Inc. dba CCL Technologies, as submitted. Project is E-Rate funded.
- E. Board accepted the proposal from Crown Castle Fiber LLC for Ethernet Services and Network Management Services at a monthly cost of \$800 and to authorize Business Administrator to execute contract for such services, as submitted. Project is E-Rate funded.

- F. Board approved Sub-grant agreement for Implementation of Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA)-Part B Use of Funds Agreement, by and between Allegheny Intermediate Unit #3 and Clairton City School District for the project period July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, as submitted.

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

- G. **MOTION** made by Ms. Ford, seconded by Mr. Livingston, to approve a Delinquent Real Estate Tax Compromise Request in the amount of \$58,903.06 with Mary H. Sumpter and 837 Properties, LLP 252 State Street, City of Clairton (2nd Ward), Block & Lot 763-P-273-1, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

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

Athletic Agenda

Athletic Committee – Mr. Carra, Chairperson

- A. **MOTION** made by Ms. Ford, seconded by Ms. Roberts, to open and post the second baseball assistant position, as per the Coaches request.

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

XII. MOTION made by Ms. Roberts, seconded by Ms. Ford, at 8:01 p.m. to ADJOURN.

Respectfully submitted:

Gayle S. Colonna
Secretary to the Board