

CLAIRTON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Directors

Legislative Meeting Minutes

October 27, 2021

7:00 p.m.

I. Call to Order – Richard P. Livingston, President of the Board of School Directors, called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

II. Roll Call

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

Board of Directors: 9 Present 0 Absent

III. Salute to the Flag

IV. Approval of the Minutes – September 22, 2021 and Special Legislative Meeting, October 14, 2021

MOTION made by Ms. Ruffing, seconded by Ms. Santoline, to approve the Minutes of the September 22, 2021 and Special Legislative Meeting, October 14, 2021

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

V. Presentations:

- *Elementary Students of the Month, grades K – 5 were recognized by the Board as they were presented certificates from Mrs. Maurizio, Elementary Principal.*

- *Long-term school directors were honored and recognized for their years of service:*

*Kathy Santoline – 8 Years Certificate of Appreciation
Barbara Roberts – 12 Years Certificate of Appreciation
Richard Livingston – 20 Years Certificate of Appreciation*

At this time Dr. Hunt spoke about the recipients and their years of dedicated volunteer service to students, the community and public education. They were presented a certificate adding to the PSBA “Honor Roll of School Board Service.”

VI. Reports:

A. Administration – No Report

B. Solicitor’s Report – No Report

C. Board Committees:

- a) **Personnel** – No Report
- b) **Finance** – No Report
- c) **Curriculum/Technology** – No Report
- d) **Building & Grounds** – No Report
- e) **Athletics** – Met 10/27/21 – *Executive Session*
- f) **Recreation** – No Report
- g) **Land Bank** – No Report
- h) **Steel Center** – No Report

VII. Citizens Comments – None

VIII. Treasurer’s Report – September 2021

MOTION made by Ms. Ford, seconded by Ms. Roberts, to approve the Treasurer’s Report for the month of September 2021.

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

IX. Payment of Bills – October 2021

MOTION made by Ms. Roberts, seconded by Ms. McKenzie, to approve the Payment of Bills for the month of October 2021.

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

X. Old Business – None

XI. New Business – None

Administrative Agenda

Personnel Committee – Ms. Ford, Chairperson

- A. **MOTION** made by Ms. Roberts, seconded by Ms. Ruffing, with regret, her resignation for the purpose of retirement of Carol Gelet, Elementary Teacher, effective January 3, 2022. Ms. Gelet has been with the District 28 years.

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

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

- B. Board accepted the resignation of Jodie Harriman as Robotics Sponsor, effective September 30, 2021.
- C. Board ratified Maria DiCarlo as a Long-Term Substitute Certified School Nurse at a daily rate of \$200, effective October 18, 2021.
- D. Board ratified Bryce Potts as 180-Day Substitute for the MS/HS at a daily rate of \$200; with single benefits, effective October 21, 2021.
- E. Board ratified the award of tenure to Tracy Tatar, who has achieved three consecutive satisfactory years of service with the District, effective February 24, 2021.
- F. Board approved the Short-Term Disability Leave of Renee Goldsmith, Spanish Teacher, commencing August 17, 2021, with a return date to be determined by physician's verification, as per the terms of the CEA/District Agreement, as submitted.
- G. Board approved the Short-Term Disability Leave of Cequcoria Hammonds, Certified School Nurse, commencing October 4, 2021 with a return date to be determined by physician's verification, as per the terms of the CEA/District Agreement, as submitted.
- H. Board approved the Short-Term Disability/FMLA Leave of Tyrik McClellan, Paraprofessional, commencing October 20, 2021 with a return date to be determined by physician's verification, as per the terms of the CESP/District Agreement, as submitted.

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- I. Board approved the unpaid Maternity Leave of Kacey Faust, Elementary Teacher beginning March 7, 2022 through June 6, 2022, as per terms of the CEA/District Agreement.
- J. Board ratified Dr. Elisabeth Ehrlich as a consultant for the purpose of data collection for the Future Ready Comprehensive Planning framework as required by PDE on behalf of the District at an hourly rate of \$50 until project completion, effective September 27, 2021.

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 K. through V.

- K. Board approved the second reading of Policy #006 – Meetings, as recommended to assist with compliance with the Sunshine Act, as submitted.
- L. Board approved the second reading of Policy #903 – Public Participation in Board Meetings, as recommended to assist with compliance with the Sunshine Act, as submitted.
- M. Board approved a Partnership with Point Park University to participate in the American Board for Certification of Teacher Excellence (ABCTE) Program, as presented.
- N. Board approved Alaia Brown, graduate student at Point Park University, for placement with Kristen Hecker, elementary cooperating teacher as requirement for Level I Pre-K-4 Certification in Pre-K January 2022 through April 2022, as presented.
- O. Board approved Iulia Ionescu, post-baccalaureate student at Point Park University, for placement with Jessica Burke, secondary math cooperating teacher as requirement under a Temporary Teaching Permit (TTP) to obtain Level I Secondary Math Certification. This 60-day, November 1, 2021 through week of February 14, 2022 teaching placement will be paid a daily rate of \$110, as presented.
- P. Board approved the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Duquesne University School of Pharmacy and Clairton City School District to facilitate the provision of Asthma Screenings, Asthma Clinic, and Asthma & Food Allergy Education for students in the District through Provider’s personnel and its independent contractors, as submitted.

- Q. Board approved the Agreement of Association between Duquesne University and Clairton City School District to utilize Clairton Education Center as a placement site for nursing students assigned for clinical learning experiences. Students shall assume assignments in collaboration with the on-site Certified School Nurse, as submitted.
- R. Board authorized Dr. Hunt to proceed with submitting a Proposal for funding for an Attendance Coordinator through the Eden Hall Foundation, as presented.
- S. Board ratified Kristen Hecker submission of grant application through the Carnegie Science Center to receive funding for virtual STEM activities in the classroom, as submitted.
- T. Board authorized Thomas McCloskey to seek funding for extraordinary special education program expenses through grant submission of Special Education Contingency Funds, if applicable.
- U. Board authorized Thomas McCloskey to apply for The Fisher Fund grant through The Pittsburgh Foundation for the purpose of developing the district's secondary science programming.
- V. Board approved the "Scarf Bombardiers" community outreach project distributing scarves at the Clairton Education Center in December 2021, as submitted.

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

Business Administrator's Agenda

Finance Committee – Mr. Livingston

ON MOTION made by Ms. Santoline, seconded by Ms. Roberts, the Board of Directors, by non-roll call vote, approved the following items designated A. through C.

- A. Board approved participation in the 2021 group mailing of Homestead/Farmstead exclusion notification coordinated by the AIU at a cost of \$0.8771 per piece (eligible homeowner) with a \$220 minimum with an additional \$2.25 per thousand fee assesses to rung the address lists through NCOA (National Change of Address). Total estimated cost is expected to be \$450.00.
- B. Board approved the Transaction Confirmation Agreement with Direct Energy Business Marketing, LLC for natural gas delivery from 9/1/2022 to 8/31/2025 at a price of Nymex Plus \$-0.26/MMBTU as part of WPA Natural Gas Consortium for the Columbia Gas System, as submitted.

- C. Board approved the Transaction Confirmation Agreement with UGI Energy Services, LLC for natural gas delivery from 9/1/2022 to 8/31/2025 at a price of Nymex Plus \$-0.44/MMBTU as part of WPA Natural Gas Consortium for the Peoples Natural Gas System, as submitted.

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

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

- D. Board approved to dispose of Parcel 1002-B-00010-0000-00 and to grant authorization for Business Administrator to take all necessary steps to accomplish, as submitted.
- E. Board authorized administration to proceed with grant application for FA-SSE-0000 Schools Initiative Targeted Grants – Equipment in the amount of \$25,000 for Fencing Improvements.
- F. Board authorized administration to proceed with grant application for 18121000 ARP Homeless II funds in the amount of \$29,949.
- G. Board approved Resolution Authorizing the Participation in and Appointment of Representatives to the Allegheny Intermediate Unit Joint Purchasing Program. Further, it is requested that the board appoint Larry Nicolette as Primary Representative. *Note: Resolution continues participation in Joint Purchasing Agreement from prior year.*
- H. Board action is requested to approve Lawrence Cupps as Pennsylvania Coach Lines bus driver for the 2021/2022 school year.

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

Athletic Agenda

Athletic Committee – Mr. Carra, Chairperson

- A. **MOTION** made by Ms. Roberts, seconded by Ms. McKenzie, to approve Willie Terrell Armstrong as 7th Grade Boys Basketball 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).

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

XII. MOTION made by Ms. Roberts, seconded by Ms. Ford, at 7:30 p.m. to ADJOURN.

Respectfully submitted:

Gayle S. Colonna
Secretary to the Board