

CLAIRTON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Directors
Legislative Meeting Minutes
September 22, 2021
7:00 p.m.

Prior to the meeting the Board met in Executive Session to discuss Personnel and Safety issues.

I. Call to Order – Richard P. Livingston, President of the Board of School Directors, called the meeting to order at 7:13 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 – August 25, 2021

MOTION made by Ms. Ford, seconded by Ms. Roberts, to approve the Minutes of the August 25, 2021 Legislative Meeting.

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

V. Presentations: *Board acknowledged*

➤ *Michael Rhoads, Plant Manager US Steel (USS)*

At this time Dr. Ginny Hunt recognized Mike Rhoads, USS for the generous \$25,000 donation to the District to supplement the purchase of Chromebooks used for remote learning during the pandemic; Project Homework utilizing USS volunteers serving as at-home tutors for MS/HS students and accepting the challenge to make upgrades to the MS/HS by painting, carpeting and general repairs.

USS was also responsible for commissioning a local artist to paint a new mural located in the MS/HS and for providing T-Shirts to all who attended the Re-Opening/Information Day on August 11th. Dr. Hunt presented Mr. Rhoads with a framed picture of staff wearing the T-shirts and an engraved crystal memento expressing gratitude on behalf of the District.

Mr. Rhoads accepted on behalf of the team of 100 volunteers from the Clairton Plant and other USS plants in the Mon Valley who worked about 1,700 hours from mid-June through mid-August. He expressed his appreciation for the invitation and noted it was a privilege to accept the challenge.

Mr. Livingston announced Mayor Richard Lattanzi was present in the audience for the meeting.

At 7:35PM the Board went in to Executive Session to discuss Safety and Security issues and reconvened at 7:45PM.

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** – No Report
- f) **Recreation** – No Report
- g) **Land Bank** – No Report
- h) **Steel Center** – No Report

VII. Citizens Comments – None

VIII. Treasurer's Report – August 2021

MOTION made by Ms. Ruffing, seconded by Ms. Santoline, to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of August 2021.

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

IX. Payment of Bills – September 2021

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

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

X. Old Business – None

XI. New Business –

A. **MOTION** made by Mr. Tachoir, seconded by Ms. Roberts, to approve casting votes for the following candidates as PSBA officers:

President Elect	David Schaap
Vice President	Allison Mathis
PSBA Insurance Trust	Richard Frerichs William LaCoff Nathan Mains

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

Administrative Agenda

Personnel Committee – Ms. Ford, Chairperson

A. **MOTION** made by Ms. Roberts, seconded by Ms. McKenzie, to accept the resignation of Britnee Weatherspoon, Social Services Coordinator/Home & School Visitor, effective September 2, 2021.

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

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

B. Board ratified the employment of Willie Terrell Armstrong, as a Paraprofessional for the 2021/2022 school year, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the agreement between the District and the Clairton Education Support Professionals (CESP), effective September 15, 2021.

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- C. Board approved the employment of Andrea Carik, as Social Worker/Home and School Visitor K-12 for the 2021/2022 school year, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the agreement between the District and Act 93, effective September 27, 2021.
- D. Board approved the employment of Rava Wright, as Certified Nurse Assistant, for five (5) hours per school day at a rate of \$18.00 per hour with no benefits for the 2021/2022 school year, effective September 23, 2021.
- E. Board ratified the following individuals, as Learning Loss Specialists for the 2021/2022 school year, at \$30.90/hour up to 10 hours per week, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the agreement between the District and Clairton Education Association (CEA), effective September 7, 2021:

Stacie Baur
Patti Detwiler
Jason Jonas
Maria Miller

- F. Board awarded tenure to the following individuals who have all achieved three consecutive satisfactory years of service with the District:

Kacey Faust
Jason Jonas
Amanda Lommock
Mary Mack

- G. Board approved the unpaid Paternity Leave of Cory Winters, Secondary PE teacher, commencing October 2, 2021 through __ (TBD), as per the terms of the CEA/District Agreement, as submitted.
- H. Board approved the Sick/Disability Leave of Kimberly Gawlas, Paraprofessional, commencing September 2, 2021 through November 1, 2021, as per the terms of the CESP/District Agreement, 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. Ford, seconded by Ms. Santoline, the Board of Directors, by non-roll call vote, approved the following items designated I. through Z.

- I. Board adopted and approved the second reading of Policy #146.1 – Trauma-Informed Approach, in reference to the threat assessment policy; specifically ensuring coordination and implementation, as submitted.
- J. Board adopted and approved the second reading of Policy #218.3 – Discipline of Student Convicted/Adjudicated of Sexual Assault, required to comply with the provisions of Act 110 of 2020, as submitted.
- K. Board adopted and approved the second reading of Policy #236.1 – Threat Assessment, recommended for legal liability purposes to address the requirements of School Code, 24. P.S. Sec. 1301-E at seq. regarding threat assessment, as submitted.
- L. Board adopted and approved the second reading of Policy #252 Dating Violence, in reference to the threat assessment policy, as submitted.
- M. Board approved the second reading of Policy #146 - Student Services, policy language revised as recommended for auditing purposes, as submitted.
- N. Board approved the second reading of Policy #218.1 - Weapons, a mandated policy revised to include threat assessment statement, as submitted.
- O. Board approved the second reading of Policy #218.2 – Terroristic Threats/Acts, as recommended for legal liability purposes, as submitted.
- P. Board approved the second reading of Policy #247 – Hazing, a mandated policy revised to include threat assessment statement, as submitted.
- Q. Board approved the second reading of Policy #249 – Bullying/Cyberbullying, a mandated policy revised to include threat assessment statement, as submitted.
- R. Board approved the second reading of Policy #805 – Emergency Preparedness and Response and Safe2Say Something Procedures (w/attachment), recommended for legal liability purposes; school entities are required to establish procedures for responding to reports from the Safe2Say Something program, as submitted.
- S. Board approved the second reading of Policy #805.2 – School Security Personnel, recommended for legal liability and auditing purposes, as submitted.
- T. Board approved the first reading of Policy #006 – Meetings, as recommended to assist with compliance with the Sunshine Act, as submitted.

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- U. Board approved the first reading of Policy #903 – Public Participation in Board Meetings, as recommended to assist with compliance with the Sunshine Act, as submitted.
- V. Board approved the contract with Allegheny Intermediate Unit #3 to provide Title I services for twelve (12) Clairton students attending Cornerstone Christian Prep, Mother of Mercy Academy, Mary of Nazareth and Walnut Grove at an estimated cost of \$9,909.00 to be paid from Title I Funds 2021/2022, as submitted.
- W. Board approved the contract with Pittsburgh – Mt. Oliver Intermediate Unit #2 to provide Title I services for two (2) Clairton students St. Benedict the Moor at an estimated cost of \$1,802.00 to be paid from Title I Funds 2021/2022, as submitted.
- X. Board approved the Memorandum of Understanding by and between Clairton City School District, Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas Family Division, Allegheny County Probation Department, Allegheny County Children’s Court and Allegheny County Department of Human Services to establish the CCSD & School Justice Academy Partnership to create policies and protocols designed to effectuate the vision and commitment set forth in the MOU, as submitted.
- Y. Board approved Rachel Wells, graduate student at California University of Pennsylvania, to perform 12 hours of job shadow observations as a requirement in School Counseling PreK-12 Program. Observations will take place within the High School Guidance Office of the Clairton Education Center in October 2021. *(Dates TBD)*
- Z. Board approved Dr. Ginny Hunt to attend the Annual Allegheny Intermediate Unit Superintendent’s Retreat on November 4 – 6, 2021 at Bedford Springs, PA. Travel expenses are to be paid by the District.

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

Building and Grounds Committee – Ms. Santoline, Chairperson

- A. **MOTION** made by Ms. Roberts, seconded by Ms. Ford, to approve the use of the 501 Mitchell Avenue as a polling place on Tuesday, November 2, 2021 from 6:30AM to 9:00PM by Allegheny County Division of Elections for the for the General Election, as submitted. All fees have been waived.

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

Business Administrator's Agenda

Finance Committee – Mr. Livingston

- A. **MOTION** made by Ms. Ford, seconded by Ms. Roberts, to approve an agreement with DocuSign, Inc, in the annual amount of \$3,160 to provide secure eSignature documents, as submitted.

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

- B. **MOTION** made by Ms. Roberts, seconded by Ms. McKenzie, to approve the tax abatement program for the Clairton Community Properties LLC, as submitted.

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

- C. **MOTION** made by Ms. Santoline, seconded by Ms. Ruffing, to approve the contract addendum with FMS, as submitted.

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

- D. **MOTION** made by Ms. Roberts, seconded by Mr. Carra, to approve to set the assessment of Parcel 657-S-70 at \$195,000 for the years 2015 through 2021 as mutually negotiated in the proposed settlement with the owner, Koppers Industries, Inc., as submitted.

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

- E. **MOTION** made by Ms. Santoline, seconded by Ms. Roberts, to approve to set the assessment of Parcel No. 657-S-225 at \$118,000 for land only for years 2013 and 2014 and a total assessment of \$315,000 for land and building for years 2015 through 2021 as mutually negotiated in the proposed settlement with the owner, Koppers Industries, Inc., as submitted.

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

Athletic Agenda

Athletic Committee – Mr. Carra, Chairperson

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

- A. Board ratified the employment of Andrew Carr, as Scorekeeper-Varsity; home for the 2021/2022 Football Season effective August 30, 2021, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Agreement between the District and Clairton Education Association (CEA).
- B. Board ratified the employment of Rashawd Hatten, as Time Keeper-Varsity; home for the 2021/2022 Football Season effective August 30, 2021, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Agreement between the District and Clairton Education Association (CEA).
- C. Board approved the employment of Marcel Washington, as Middle School Track – Head Coach for the 2021/2022 school year, effective September 22, 2021, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Agreement between the District and Clairton Education Association (CEA).

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

XII. MOTION made by Ms. Santoline, seconded by Ms. Roberts, at 7:59 p.m. to ADJOURN.

Respectfully submitted:

Gayle S. Colonna
Secretary to the Board