

CLAIRTON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Directors

Legislative Meeting Minutes

August 25, 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 7:05 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	Absent (<i>Personal</i>)	
Board of Directors:	8 Present	1 Absent

III. Salute to the Flag

IV. Approval of the Minutes – June 23, 2021

MOTION made by Ms. Ruffing, seconded by Ms. Roberts, to approve the Minutes of the June 23, 2021 Legislative Meeting.

Non-Roll Call Vote: 8 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent 0 Abstentions APPROVED

V. Presentations: *Board acknowledged*

- *Mr. and Mrs. Darryl (Betsy) Fluhme*
- *Mr. John Botti and Mr. Bob Bielich / Disaster Restoration Services (DRS)*

At this time Dr. Ginny Hunt recognized Mr. and Mrs. Fluhme for their generous \$50,000 donation to the District in support of technology needs for remote learning at the on-set of the pandemic. Dr. Hunt presented them with an engraved crystal memento expressing gratitude on behalf of the District.

Dr. Hunt then introduced Mr. John Botti, President and Bob Bielich, Vice-President of Disaster Restoration Services (DRS) to recognize them for their company's service and support provided during the aftermath of the flood in the Elementary School in September 2020. Dr. Hunt stated the company went above and beyond to ensure a Grand Reopening would take place on August 11th. In appreciation, Dr. Hunt presented them with an engraved crystal paperweight and framed picture of the completed gymnasium.

Mrs. Maurizio, Elementary Principal extended her sincere thanks to both the Fluhme's and DRS for their respective support during the past year. She presented each with a "Thank You" created by her Elementary Students.

VI. Reports:

A. Administration – Dr. Hunt updated the Board on current enrollment; 351 in the Elementary and 377 in the MS/HS.

B. Solicitor's Report – No Report

C. Board Committees:

- a) **Personnel** – *Met 08/05/21 – Executive Session*
- 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** – *Met 07/08/21*
- h) **Steel Center** – *Met 07/20/21*

VII. Citizens Comments – None

VIII. Treasurer's Report(s) – June 2021 / July 2021

MOTION made by Ms. Ford, seconded by Ms. Roberts, to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month(s) of June 2021 / July 2021.

Non-Roll Call Vote: 8 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent 0 Abstentions APPROVED

IX. Payment of Bills – July/August 2021

MOTION made by Mr. Carra, seconded by Ms. McKenzie, to approve the Payment of Bills for the month(s) of July/August 2021.

Non-Roll Call Vote: 8 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent 0 Abstentions APPROVED

X. Old Business –

A. **MOTION** made by Mr. Livingston, seconded by Mr. Fusco, to authorize, with confidence and support, the Elementary Principal to address the student dismissal procedures at her discretion.

Non-Roll Call Vote: 8 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent 0 Abstentions APPROVED

XI. New Business –

A. **MOTION** made by Ms. McKenzie, seconded by Ms. Roberts, to approve participation in the Department of Health (DOH) COVID-19 school testing program, as presented by the Superintendent.

Non-Roll Call Vote: 8 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent 0 Abstentions APPROVED

B. **MOTION** made by Ms. Ruffing, seconded by Mr. Carra, to approve the amendment of the Act 93 Agreement to include the position of PIMS/Communication Coordinator, as submitted.

Non-Roll Call Vote: 8 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent 0 Abstentions APPROVED

C. **MOTION** made by Ms. Roberts, seconded by Ms. McKenzie, to approve the employment of Alexis Trubiani, as PIMS/Communication Coordinator for the 2021/2022 school year, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the agreement between the District and Act 93, effective July 1, 2021.

Non-Roll Call Vote: 8 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent 0 Abstentions APPROVED

Administrative Agenda

Personnel Committee – Ms. Ford, Chairperson

- A. **MOTION** made by Ms. Roberts, seconded by Ms. Ruffing, to accept, with regret, her resignation for the purpose of retirement of Diane Sheridan, Secondary Teacher, effective January 1, 2022. Ms. Sheridan has been with the District 28 years.

Non-Roll Call Vote: 8 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent 0 Abstentions APPROVED

- B. **MOTION** made by Ms. Roberts, seconded by Ms. Ruffing, to ratify employment of Eamon Sheehan, as Special Education Middle School Teacher for the 2021/2022 school year at Step-1 Masters, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the agreement between the District and Clairton Education Association (CEA), effective August 9, 2021.

Non-Roll Call Vote: 8 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent 0 Abstentions APPROVED

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

- C. Board approved the employment of Jaclyn Wilson, as an Elementary Super-substitute for the 2021/2022 school year, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the agreement between the District and Clairton Education Association (CEA), effective August 17, 2021.
- D. Board approved the employment of Grace Gartman, as a MS/HS Super-substitute for the 2021/2022 school year, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the agreement between the District and Clairton Education Association (CEA), effective August 17, 2021.

Non-Roll Call Vote: 8 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent 0 Abstentions APPROVED

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

- E. Board approved the contract between Clairton City School District and Lawrence J. Nicolette, Business Administrator in accordance with the terms and conditions of the contract executed between Lawrence J. Nicolette and the District, effective July 1, 2021 year, as submitted.

- F. Board approved the modifications and revisions of the agreement between Clairton City School District and Carrie Selvoski to continue to act as Technology Services Assistant, effective September 30, 2021, as submitted. To be paid from ESSER Grant Funds.
- G. Board approved the contract between Clairton City School District and Gayle S. Colonna, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent in accordance with the terms and conditions of the contract executed between Gayle S. Colonna and the District, effective July 1, 2021 year, as submitted.
- H. Board approved the contract between Clairton City School District and Lisa Maricic, Confidential Secretary for Federal Programs, Curriculum, Professional Development and Human Resources in accordance with the terms and conditions of the contract executed between Lisa Maricic and the District, effective July 1, 2021 year, as submitted.
- I. Board approved the contract between Clairton City School District and Adam Livingston, Technology Specialist in accordance with the terms and conditions of the contract executed between Adam Livingston and the District, effective July 1, 2021 year, as submitted.
- J. Board ratified salary adjustments for Thomas McCloskey and Aaron Maricic, effective July 1, 2021, as presented.

Non-Roll Call Vote: 8 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent 0 Abstentions APPROVED
**Exception Item I: 7 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent 1 Abstention APPROVED*
**Mr. Livingston abstained due to conflict of interest.*

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

- K. Board approved a Memorandum of Understanding between the Board of Directors of the Clairton City School District and the Clairton Education Association (CEA) on behalf of Carol Gelet as Teacher on Special Assignment responsible for discipline and special education support at the Intermediate level, Grades 4 – 8 for the 2021/2022 school year, as submitted.
- L. Board approved the following individuals as Title I Paraprofessionals for the 2021/2022 school year to be paid by Title I funds:

Richard Barna	Angela Recaldini
Taylor Dreher	Monique Semian
Michael Policastro	Denise Thomas

- M. Board approved Corey Keys as a Title IV paraprofessional for the 2021/2022 school year to be paid by Title IV funds.
- N. Board approved the Day-To-Day Substitute Nurse, Teacher and Secretarial List for 2021/2022, as submitted.
- O. Board approved the unpaid Paternity Leave of Emmanuel Williams, Elementary Assistant Principal, commencing October 27, 2021 through December 6, 2021, as per the terms of the Act 93/District Agreement, as submitted.
- P. Board approved the unpaid Maternity Leave of Imara Grant, Psychologist, commencing November 15, 2021, as per the terms of the Act 93/District Agreement, as submitted.

Non-Roll Call Vote: 8 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent 0 Abstentions APPROVED

Curriculum Committee – Ms. Roberts, Chairperson

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

- Q. Board approved the 2021/2022 Textbook Inventory List, as submitted.
- R. Board adopted and approved the first reading of Policy #146.1 – Trauma-Informed Approach, in reference to the threat assessment policy; specifically ensuring coordination and implementation, as submitted.
- S. Board adopted and approved the first 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.
- T. Board adopted and approved the first 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.
- U. Board adopted and approved the first reading of Policy #252 Dating Violence, in reference to the threat assessment policy, as submitted.
- V. Board approved the first reading of Policy #146 - Student Services, policy language revised as recommended for auditing purposes, as submitted.
- W. Board approved the first reading of Policy #218.1 - Weapons, a mandated policy revised to include threat assessment statement, as submitted.

- X. Board approved the first reading of Policy #218.2 – Terroristic Threats/Acts, as recommended for legal liability purposes, as submitted.
- Y. Board approved the first reading of Policy #247 – Hazing, a mandated policy revised to include threat assessment statement, as submitted.
- Z. Board approved the first reading of Policy #249 – Bullying/Cyberbullying, a mandated policy revised to include threat assessment statement, as submitted.
- Aa. Board approved the first 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.
- Bb. Board approved the first reading of Policy #805.2 – School Security Personnel, recommended for legal liability and auditing purposes, as submitted.
- Cc. Board ratified the Memorandum of Understanding between the Clairton City School District and the City of Clairton Police Department to enter into and agree to adhere to the policies and procedures regarding notification and incidents to Law Enforcement for the 2021/2022 and 2022/2023 school years, as submitted.
- Dd. Board ratified CMU Researchers under study titled Clairton School Project to collect data evaluating Awaken Pittsburgh and the Chill Project providing Behavioral, Academic and Social-emotional supports for students and staff, as submitted.
- Ee. Board approved Kayla Moran, undergraduate at Carlow University, to perform a 30-hour special education field placement observation within the Elementary School of the Clairton Education Center beginning August 23 through December 10, 2021.
- Ff. Board ratified a Letter of Agreement with TCV Community Services, Inc. to provide Student Assistance Behavioral Health Liaison Services for the 2021/2022 school year, as submitted.
- Gg. Board action is requested to ratified the Memorandum of Understanding between the Foster Grandparents Program (FGP) Sponsored by Wesley Family Services and Clairton Elementary to be considered an FGP Volunteer Station effective three (3) years from July 1, 2021 ending June 30, 2024, as submitted.
- Hh. Board ratified Dr. Hunt application for the District to participate in the Western Pennsylvania Learning 2025 Alliance in partnership with the AASA and Grable Foundation, as submitted.

Non-Roll Call Vote 8 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent 0 Abstentions APPROVED

Building and Grounds Committee – Ms. Santoline, Chairperson

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

- A. Board approved the use of the playground and field next to the playground at Clairton Education Center on Saturday, September 11, 2021 from 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM by the Unity Group for the purpose of CommUnity Day Celebration. All fees have been waived.
- B. Board approved issuance of a key to SouthEast Regional Ambulance Service for entry to Neil C. Brown Stadium.

Non-Roll Call Vote 8 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent 0 Abstentions APPROVED

Business Administrator’s Agenda

Finance Committee – Mr. Livingston

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

- A. Board authorized the application for American Rescue Plan-Elementary and Secondary Schools Emergency Relief Fund (ARP-ESSER) grant in the amount of \$4,960,730 project number 223.21.0084, as submitted.
- B. Board authorized the Business Administrator to send letter to delinquent real estate collector that the District intends to terminate the current agreement.
- C. Board authorized the Business Administrator to send letter to solicit RPF’s for Delinquent Tax Collections services to begin January 1, 2022.
- D. Board ratified the acceptance of bid for general construction services submitted by Caliber Contracting in the amount of \$75,100, as submitted.
- E. Board ratified the acceptance of bid for flooring services submitted by Gregorys Contracting in the amount of \$38,593.
- F. Board ratified the acceptance of bid for electrical services submitted by Serakowski Electrical Service in the amount of \$67,675.

- G. Board ratified the acceptance of bid for plumbing and HVAC services submitted by P2 Contracting in the amount of \$28,258.
- H. Board ratified the authorization of the Business Administrator to enter into construction contracts with the four qualified successful bidders for the 501 Mitchell Project.
- I. Board approved the contract between Awaken Pittsburgh and Clairton City School District for mindfulness practices training in the amount of \$10,000 paid from ESSERS 3 funds for mental health, with the contingent amount of an additional \$13,760 in the event we are awarded the Staunton Farm Grant, as submitted.
- J. Board approved the following individuals as Pennsylvania Coach Lines bus/van drivers and monitors for the 2021/2022 school year:

DRIVERS

Bruce Ackerman
Ramone Bey
Albert Brady
Lisa Dovichin
Michelle Fazek
Carole Fisher
Romaine Gallimore
Barb Garland

DRIVERS

George Gesser
Amber Hodnik
Michael Koroly
Pamela Murphy
Diane Raine
Eric Salmons
Anthony Salvador

MONITORS

Vicky Clark
Anna Herrmann
Judith Kampart
Emma Snyder

VAN DRIVERS

Marita Sherman
Jon Shields

- K. Board ratified the Application for Service & Agreement with Full Service Network for District Digital Phone Service Bundle, as submitted.

Non-Roll Call Vote: 8 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent 0 Abstentions APPROVED

Athletic Agenda

Athletic Committee – Mr. Carra, Chairperson

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

- A. Board ratified the amended contract made by and among the Clairton City School District and Robert Boatright as Strength/Conditioning Coach for the 2021/2022 school year effective July 1, 2021, as submitted.

- B. Board ratified the employment of Andre Carr, as JV Coach (Wide Receivers and Defensive Backs for the 2021/2022 school year effective July 1, 2021, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Agreement between the District and Clairton Education Association (CEA).
- C. Board ratified the employment of Jeffery Thompson, as Second Assistant (Defensive Coordinator) for the 2021/2022 school year effective July 1, 2021, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Agreement between the District and Clairton Education Association (CEA).
- D. Board approved Rashawd Hatten as Grounds Crew/Sticks for the 2021/2022 Football Season.
- E. Board approved the following as Youth Managers for the 2021/2022 Varsity Football Season:
 - Michael Ruffin Aaron Ulmer
 - Quintin Thompson Donte Wright
 - William Thompson

Non-Roll Call Vote: 8 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent 0 Abstentions APPROVED

XII. MOTION made by Ms. Roberts, seconded by Ms. Ruffing, at 8:20 p.m. to ADJOURN.

Respectfully submitted:

Gayle S. Colonna
Secretary to the Board