

CLAIRTON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Directors

Legislative Meeting Minutes

January 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 7:00 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
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III. Salute to the Flag

**IV. Approval of the Minutes – November 24, 2020 and
Reorganization December 9, 2020**

MOTION made by Ms. Roberts, seconded by Mr. Carra, to approve the Minutes of the November 24, 2020 and Reorganization December 9, 2020.

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** – No Report
- c) **Curriculum/Technology** – No Report
- d) **Building & Grounds** – No Report
- e) **Athletics** – Met 01/19/21
- f) **Recreation** – No Report
- g) **Land Bank** – Met 01/14/21
- h) **Steel Center** – No Report

Mr. Tachoir asked to make a statement regarding Athletics, specifically the status of Basketball. Discussion ensued and it was decided to hold for further discussion during the February Board meeting under an executive session.

VII. Citizens Comments – None

**VIII. Treasurer's Report – November 2020
December 2020**

MOTION made by Ms. Ruffing, seconded by Ms. Roberts, to approve the Treasurer's Report for the months of November 2020 and December 2020.

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

**IX. Payment of Bills – December 2020
January 2021**

MOTION made by Ms. Santoline seconded by Ms. Roberts, to approve the Payment of Bills for the months of December 2020 and January 2021.

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

X. Old Business –

Mr. Livingston stated the School Board Committees for 2021 would remain the same with the exception of those persons who wished to be removed from a committee and the addition of Mr. McCloskey as an advisor. Mr. Livingston also noted the Sunshine Act was distributed to the Board as reference for following guidelines during Zoom meetings due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

XI. New Business – None

Administrative Agenda

Personnel Committee – Ms. Ford, Chairperson

- A. **MOTION** made by Mr. Livingston, seconded by Ms. Santoline, to approve the contract between the District and the Clairton Education Association effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2025, as submitted.

Roll Call:

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

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

Mr. Livingston, as a point of personal privilege, called on Stacie Baur, CEA President who had requested time to address the Board.

Ms. Baur expressed her thanks to the Board for the agreement between the Board and Clairton Education Association. She further stated that both she and Ms. Jennifer Schlata, CEA Vice-President wanted to especially offer their gratitude and appreciation to the Negotiating Team on how efficiently the meetings went over the past year.

Curriculum Committee – Ms. Roberts, Chairperson

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

- B. Board ratified the Memorandum of Understanding between Clairton City School District and UPMC Western Behavioral Health at Mon Yough School-Based Outpatient Program for the 2020/2021 school year, as submitted.
- C. Board ratified the Letter of Agreement between Wesley Family Services and Clairton City School District to provide services for students enrolled in Community In Schools-Based Behavioral Health (CSBBH) Teams for the 2020/2021 school year, as submitted.
- D. Board approved the Participation Agreement between the Clairton City School District and the Consortium for Public Education in collaboration with PartnerUp, led by PNC Financial connecting graduating high school students to entry-level employment opportunities for the 2020/2021 school year, as submitted.
- E. Board approved entering into an agreement with The Consortium for Public Education for the District to participate virtually in “The Future Is Mine” (TFIM) for the 2020/2021 school year at a cost of \$250.00, as submitted.
- F. Board ratified authorization to Alexis Trubiani to proceed with a \$5,000 grant application for the 2020/2021 school year through Dick’s Sporting Goods Foundation – Sports Matter Grant for grades 6-12.
- G. Board ratified authorization to Elementary and MS/HS teachers to proceed with AIU OnRamp Grants for Remote Learning applications up to \$2,500 awarded to support teachers in developing opportunities for their students to engage in “joyful and creative learning” during the 2020/2021 school year.

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. Roberts, seconded by Ms. Santoline, to adopt Resolution 01-21 pursuant to Section 311(d)(1) of Act 1 that the Clairton City School District will not raise the rate of any tax for 2021-22, by more than the adjusted Index of 4.8% calculated by PDE, as submitted.

Roll Call:

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

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

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

- B. Board ratified acceptance of a donation to Clairton City School District of six (6) flat screen televisions from US Bank in Pittsburgh.
- C. Board accepted a donation to the Clairton City School District from Margaret M. Ogurchak in the amount of \$2,500 and recognize the restriction that it be used for the purchase of non-capital equipment to improve remote instruction.

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

- D. **MOTION** made by Ms. Ruffing, seconded by Ms. Roberts to authorize to accept the bid for the sale of Real Property commonly known as Parcel ID 1002-B-00140-0000-00 consisting of approximately 7.4528 acres of land in the amount of \$40,000 from successful bidder Richard J. Costanzo, DBA RJ Costanzo Enterprises LLC, as submitted.

Roll Call:

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

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

E. **MOTION** made by Ms. Roberts, seconded by Ms. Santoline to approve 3-year Services Agreement between University of Pittsburgh and Clairton City School District for participation in research study Expect Respect Middle School: Preventing Serious and Lethal Violence Among Youth with Prior Violence Exposure, as submitted.

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

F. **MOTION** made by Ms. McKenzie, seconded by Ms. Roberts accept proposal for roofing repairs to 501 Waddell Avenue from TMR Roofing in the amount of \$11,800.00, as submitted.

Roll Call:

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

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

It was noted by both Mr. Nicolette, Business Administrator and Mr. Andrews, Solicitor that TMR Roofing is the sole area installer of Garland brand roofing, therefore there was no need to solicit additional quotes.

Athletic Agenda

No Athletic Agenda

XII. MOTION made by Ms. Roberts, seconded by Ms. Santoline, at 7:26 p.m. to ADJOURN.

Respectfully submitted:

Gayle S. Colonna
Secretary to the Board