

CLAIRTON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Directors

Legislative Meeting Minutes

June 23, 2020

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

III. Salute to the Flag

IV. Approval of the Minutes – May 27, 2020 and Special Legislative June 5, 2020

MOTION made by Ms. Ford, seconded by Ms. Roberts, to approve the Minutes of the May 27, 2020 Legislative Meeting and Special Legislative Meeting June 5, 2020.

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

V. Presentations: None

At 7:02 p.m. the Board went into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues and reconvened at 7:33 p.m.

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** – Mr. Livingston was appointed to the Land Bank Board of Directors
- h) **Steel Center** – No Report

VII. Citizens Comments – Mr. Darius Bradford, Mr. Jonathan Bradford, 537 3rd Street, Clairton, PA 15025 and Mr. Monte Norris, 520 Reed Street, Clairton, PA 15025 requested to speak, indicating the topic of discussion was Coaching. Mr. Darius Bradford began by addressing the Board with regard to the basketball program and the discipline of the team. His focus was primarily on the need for structure and having the coach provide leadership and teach the game of basketball. Mr. Monte Norris reiterated statements made by Mr. Bradford stressing the need for structure. Mr. Jonathan Bradford shared his personal experience as a freshman student, indicating as a player, no one cared to follow plays and agreed with the previous citizens comments.

VIII. Treasurer's Report – May 2020

MOTION made by Ms. Roberts, seconded by Ms. Santoline, to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of May 2020.

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

IX. Payment of Bills – June 2020

MOTION made by Ms. Ruffing, seconded by Ms. McKenzie, to approve the Payment of Bills for the month of June 2020.

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

X. Old Business –

- A. **MOTION** made by Mr. Tachoir, seconded by Ms. Ford, to open the Boys Basketball Coach position.

Roll Call:

Lawrence Carra	Yes
Rikell Ford	Yes
Felix Fusco	Yes
Richard Livingston	No
Artrena McKenzie	No
Barbara Roberts	No
Gloria Ruffing	No
Kathy Santoline	No
Roger Tachoir	Yes

Roll Call Vote: 4 Ayes 5 Nays 0 Absent 0 Abstentions NOT APPROVED

XI. New Business –

- A. **MOTION** made by Mr. Livingston, seconded by Ms. Santoline, to appoint Thomas McCloskey to the Office of Assistant Superintendent in accordance with the terms and conditions of the agreement between Thomas McCloskey and the Board of Directors of the Clairton City School District effective July 1, 2020, as submitted.

Roll Call:

Lawrence Carra	Yes
Rikell Ford	Abstain
Felix Fusco	Abstain
Richard Livingston	Yes
Artrena McKenzie	Yes
Barbara Roberts	Yes
Gloria Ruffing	Yes
Kathy Santoline	Yes
Roger Tachoir	No

Roll Call Vote: 6 Ayes 1 Nays 0 Absent 2 Abstentions APPROVED

- B. **MOTION** made by Mr. Carra, seconded by Ms. Roberts, to approve a MOU between American Heart Association and Clairton City School District for the Mon Valley Summer Food Program contingent on the satisfactory edit of item 2 as determined by the Business Administrator, as submitted.

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

Administrative Agenda

Personnel Committee – Ms. Ford, Chairperson

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

- A. Board approved the contract between the Patricia Detwiler and the Board of Directors of the Clairton City School District, to act as a Reading Tutor, Student Information Day Coordinator and Title I Parent and Family Engagement Coordinator for the 2020/2021 school year, as submitted.
- B. Board approved to enter into a service agreement with Alexis Trubiani to perform Public Relations and Communication Services, Registrar for Outside Placements, Cyber and Charter Schools, Free & Reduced Lunch Program and Chronic Absenteeism, effective July 1, 2020, as submitted.
- C. Board awarded tenure to Nicolette Churilla who has achieved three consecutive satisfactory years of service with the District and obtained Educational Specialist Level II Certification.

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

Curriculum Committee – Ms. Roberts, Chairperson

ON MOTION made by Ms. Ruffing, seconded by Ms. Santoline, the Board of Directors, by non-roll call vote, approved the following items designated D. and E.

- D. Board ratified a Memorandum of Understanding between the Clairton City School District and the Allegheny Intermediate Unit to support best practices in transition to kindergarten in the 2019/2020 and 2020/2021 school years, as submitted.

- E. Board approved the Athletic and Extracurricular Resocialization Procedures for Clairton City School District which will serve as a guideline for school reopening, as submitted.

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

Building and Grounds – Ms. Santoline, Chairperson

- F. **MOTION** made by Ms. Ford, seconded by Mr. Carra to ratify Cornerstone Care the use of the Parking Lot in front of the school as a mobile COVID-19 testing site on Friday, June 19th and possible future Friday's TBD, as submitted.

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

- G. **MOTION** made by Ms. Ford, seconded by Ms. McKenzie to approve the use of the field next to the playground for practices and the stadium for games by Clairton Youth Football Association (CYFA). Practices on Mondays through Fridays beginning July 6th through October 23, 2020 from 5:00 PM to 7:30 PM. Dates of Saturday games: 8/15, 8/29, 9/5, 9/19, 10/3 and 10/24. COVID-19 Requirements, Plans and Waivers, as submitted. Coach Jeffery Thompson is responsible for this program. 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, Board President

- A. **MOTION** made by Ms. Ruffing, seconded by Mr. Carra to adopt the Proposed Final Budget for the General Fund of the Clairton City School District for the 2020-2021 fiscal year with millage rates of 87.0653 for Land, 8.1260 for Buildings, Revenues of \$16,351,678 and Expenditures of \$16,331,831 and a surplus of \$19,847 and other Tax rates and amounts remaining unchanged, as follows:
- a. Earned Income rate of .005 (1/2 percent)
 - b. Business Privilege Tax of .006 (6 mills)
 - c. Mercantile Tax on Retail of .00075 (3/4 mill) and Mercantile Tax on Wholesale .0005 (1/2 mill)
 - d. \$5.00 per person for Local Services Tax

Roll Call:

Kathy Santoline	Yes
Roger Tachoir	No
Lawrence Carra	Yes
Rikell Ford	Yes
Felix Fusco	Yes
Richard Livingston	Yes
Artrena McKenzie	Yes
Barbara Roberts	Yes
Gloria Ruffing	Yes

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

- B. **MOTION** made by Ms. Roberts, seconded by Ms. Santoline to approve Resolution #04-20 authorizing the District to reduce Homestead property taxes by an amount of \$467,008.08 to be received from the Commonwealth from gaming funds and the Sterling Act Tax Credit under the provisions of the Homestead Property Exclusion Program Act and the Taxpayers Relief Act.

Roll Call:

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

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

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

- C. Board approved Pennsylvania School-Based ACCESS Program (SBAP) Local Agency Agreement to Participate FY 2020-2021.

- D. Board approved to authorize the Business Administrator to make all necessary budget transfers resulting from adjusting journal entries and local audit reclassifications subsequent to June 30, 2020. When such transfers are made, adequate details will be provided to the Board.
- E. Board approved the Business Administrator to pay necessary bills prior to the next Board meeting in lieu of a scheduled July 2020 meeting.
- F. Board approved to renew commercial insurance coverage with CM Regent for a total package price of \$60,197, as submitted.
- G. Board approved to grant authority to Business Administrator to take necessary steps to secure a \$2,000,000 Tax Anticipation Note for the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year, as submitted.
- H. Board approved to award bids for Athletic Supplies for 2020-21 school year, as submitted.
- I. Board approved Voluntary Student Accident Coverage and Mandatory Interscholastic Sports Coverage as provided by AXIS Insurance Company, as submitted.
- J. Board approved to accept a technology donation from West Jefferson Hills School District.

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

Athletic Agenda
No Athletic Agenda

XII. MOTION made by Ms. Ford, seconded by Ms. Roberts, at 7:55 p.m. to ADJOURN.

Respectfully submitted:

Gayle S. Colonna
Secretary to the Board