

CLAIRTON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Directors

Legislative Meeting Minutes

January 22, 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	Absent (<i>Personal</i>)	
Roger Tachoir	Present	
Board of Directors:	8 Present	1 Absent

III. Salute to the Flag

IV. Presentations:

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

V. Approval of the Minutes – November 26, 2019 and Reorganization December 4, 2019

MOTION made by Ms. Roberts, seconded by Ms. Ruffing, to approve the Minutes of the November 26, 2019 Legislative Meeting and Reorganization December 4, 2019.

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

VI. Reports:

A. Administration – No Report

Dr. Hunt commented on January being School Director Appreciation Month and extended her thanks to the Board for their service.

Dr. Hunt shared a copy of the Updated EdBuild 2020 Fault Lines report with the Board. This report compares student poverty rates between neighboring school districts in order to identify the most segregating school districts in the country. She specifically pointed out the section regarding Clairton City School District/West Jefferson Hills School District, the ninth-greatest economic divide in the country.

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** – Meeting held January 10th
- f) **Recreation** – No Report
- g) **Land Bank** – No Report
- h) **Steel Center** – No Report

VII. Citizens Comments – None

**VIII. Treasurer's Reports – November 2019
December 2019**

MOTION made by Mr. Tachoir, seconded by Ms. Roberts, to approve the Treasurer's Report for the months of November 2019 and December 2019.

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

**IX. Payment of Bills – December 2019
January 2020**

MOTION made by Ms. Ford, seconded by Ms. Ruffing to approve the Payment of Bills for the months of December 2019 and January 2020.

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

X. Old Business – No Old Business

XI. New Business –

- A. **MOTION** made by Ms. Ford, seconded by Ms. Roberts to approve employment of Nicolette Bendick, as Substitute Cheerleading Sponsor for the remainder of the 2019/2020 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: 8 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent 0 Abstentions APPROVED

- B. **MOTION** made by Mr. Tachoir, seconded by Ms. Roberts to ratify awarding tenure to former employee Paige Ponsonby, as per PA School Code 24 P.S. § 11-1108. Ms. Ponsonby would have been eligible on February 05, 2019.

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

Administrative Agenda

Personnel Committee – Ms. Ford, Chairperson

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

- A. Board awarded tenure to Rene Manges who has achieved three consecutive satisfactory years of service with the District and obtained Level II Certification.
- B. Board approved Deborah Marshall FMLA Leave commencing January 3, 2020, as submitted.
- C. Board approved the revised 2020 Board Meeting Calendar reflecting a change to the Reorganization Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, December 9, 2020 consistent with PA Public School Code timeline for incumbent and incoming members of the board.

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

Curriculum Committee – Ms. Roberts, Chairperson

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

- D. Board approved the second reading of Policy #333 – Professional Development updated to reflect the new requirements on trauma-informed approach education recommended for legal liability purposes, as submitted.
- E. Board approved the second reading of Policy #705 – Facilities and Workplace Safety revised to clarify that it addresses safety of the physical buildings and facilities of the school entity, as well as addressing requirements for Certified Workplace Safety Committees, as submitted.
- F. Board approved the second reading of Policy #709 – Building Security revised to reflect the role of the School Safety and Security Coordinator and responsibility of the Superintendent for designating authorized access to school buildings and facilities recommended for clarification and communication of school operations, as submitted.
- G. Board approved the second reading of Policy #805 – Emergency Preparedness and Response revised in accordance with updates to 24 P.S. 15-1517 of the PA Public School Code recommended for legal liability and auditing purposes, as submitted.
Safe2Say Something Procedures Attachment
- H. Board approved the second reading of a new Policy #805.1 – Relations with Law Enforcement Agencies. Language on mandatory school safety and security training for school employees based on provisions of Act 44 of 2018 that created 24 P.S. 13-1310-B of the Pubic School Code and revised for clarification in Act 18 of 2019 recommended for legal liability and auditing purposes, as submitted.
- I. Board approved the second reading of a new Policy #805.2 – School Security Personnel that reflects the requirements of new PA Public School Code sections and revisions under Act 44 of 2018 and Act 67 of 2019. It includes definitions, roles and responsibilities for the School Safety Coordinator and school security personnel in accordance with 24 P.S. 13-1312-C of PA Public School Code recommended for legal liability and auditing purposes, as submitted.
- J. Board approved the first reading of Policy #233 – Suspension and Expulsion as updated to reflect the new compulsory school age provisions and requirements that take effect at the start of the 2020-2021 academic year recommended for legal liability purposes, as submitted.
- K. Board approved Clairton Elementary School in collaboration with Allegheny Family Network to participate in a national research project with the University of Colorado, as submitted.
- L. Board approved implementation of the Teen Outreach Program (TOP) in collaboration with Will Allen and the Boys & Girls Club of Western Pennsylvania, as submitted.

- M. Board approved 12 students and 1 chaperone from The Future is Mine to attend the Student Leadership Conference on Thursday, April 23 through Friday, April 24, 2020 (*Overnight*) at the Marriott City Center. Students will have the opportunity to participate in job shadows in Pittsburgh, Network and Team Building. All expenses paid by the Consortium. Transportation to be provided by the District.
- N. Board approved Britnee Nwokeji to attend the Society for Public Health Education 2020 Annual Conference held March 16 – 20, 2020 at Sheraton Hotel Atlanta, Georgia. Registration Fees and travel expenses to be paid from District funds.
- O. Board approved Dr. Ginny Hunt to attend the Superintendent’s Academy Cohort held April 2 – 3, 2020 at the Capital Area Intermediate Unit, Harrisburg, PA. Travel expenses to be reimbursed by National Institute for School Leadership.

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

Building and Grounds – Mr. Livingston

- P. **MOTION** made by Ms. Ford, seconded by Ms. Roberts to ratify the use of the Gymnasium beginning January 4 through May 3, 2020 Saturdays/Sundays 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. by Clairton Youth Football for basketball practices/games. Clairton Youth Football is responsible for proper maintenance of the areas used. Mr. Jeffery Thompson is in charge. All fees have been waived.

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

Business Administrator’s Agenda

Finance Committee – Mr. Tachoir, Chairperson

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

- A. Board approved to continue participation in the Western Pennsylvania Electric Consortium, as recommended by the administration. The new contract period will begin on the meter read date in January 2021 and will extend for a one, two- or three-year period based on pricing received from up to six major electric suppliers.
- B. Board accepted a donation to the Clairton City School District from Margaret M. Ogurchak in the amount of \$1,979.00 and recognize the restriction that it be used for the purchase of projector for the Elementary School Library.

- C. Board accepted a donation to the Clairton City School District from Dorothy B. Romanelli in the amount of \$4,000.00 for the Neil and Dorothy Brown Annual Scholarship to be awarded to a Clairton High School Senior at the discretion of the Scholarship Committee, as submitted.
- D. Board accepted a donation to the Cafeteria Fund from Facilities Maintenance Systems, Inc. in the amount of \$1,500.00 and recognize the restriction that is be used to purchase for the High School Cafeteria at the discretion of the MS/HS Principal.
- E. Board ratified Business Administrator’s acceptance of quote for replacement of furnace at Field House from CS&E Combustions Service and Equipment Co. in the amount of \$22,955.00. Item is COSTARS price and thus satisfies bidding requirements, as submitted.

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

Athletic Agenda

Athletic Committee – Mr. Carra, Chairperson

- A. **MOTION** made by Ms. Ruffing, seconded by Ms. Roberts to ratify the employment of Christopher McConnell, as Timekeeper – Boys Varsity Basketball; home for the 2019/2020 school year in accordance with the terms of the agreement between the District and the Clairton Education Association (CEA), effective November 18, 2019.

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

- B. **MOTION** made by Ms. Ford, seconded by Ms. McKenzie to ratify the employment of Leah Ogletree, as Girls – Assistant Basketball Coach for the 2019/2020 school year in accordance with the terms of the agreement between the District and the Clairton Education Association (CEA), effective November 28, 2019.

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

XII. MOTION made by Ms. Ruffing, seconded by Ms. McKenzie, at 7:44 p.m. to ADJOURN.

Respectfully submitted:

Gayle S. Colonna
Secretary to the Board