

CLAIRTON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Directors

Legislative Meeting Minutes

September 25, 2019

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 – August 28, 2019

MOTION made by Ms. Ruffing, seconded by Ms. Roberts, to approve the Minutes of the August 28, 2019 Legislative Meeting.

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

V. Presentations:

- *Mrs. Maurizio, Elementary Principal announced four Elementary Students had Perfect Attendance 2018/2019. Two students present were recognized by the Board as they were presented certificates from Mrs. Marshall, Attendance and Truancy.*

VI. Reports:

A. Administration – Dr. Hunt circulated a Carnegie Mellon Robotics Academy SMART-ER Program flyer and spoke briefly to the Board about the opportunity a select group of students will have to participate in micro-certification courses that teach skills which align with Robotics and advanced manufacturing. The career activity class can result in an industry certification. This is being sponsored by the Will Allen Foundation. Dr. Hunt extended an invitation to the Board to attend the kick-off celebration scheduled for October 4, 2019 from 8:45 AM – 10:00 AM in the computer lab.

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 – Mr. Fred DeRubeis, 206 Oliver Drive, Elizabeth, PA 15037 requested to speak, indicating the topic of discussion was Thank You. Mr. DeRubeis began thanking the Board for all they do for and in the community, but his focus was primarily on the action the Board took last month when awarding an Honorary Diploma to his mother and former alumni, Mary Ann Macioce DeRubeis. His heartfelt appreciation was expressed to the Board. He shared a synopsis of her life and concluded saying how much receiving this diploma meant to her and how much it has added to her life’s story.

VIII. Treasurer’s Reports – August 2019

MOTION made by Mr. Carra, seconded by Ms. Ruffing, to approve the Treasurer’s Reports for the month of August 2019.

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

IX. Payment of Bills – September 2019

MOTION made by Ms. Ford, seconded by Ms. Roberts to approve the Payment of Bills for the month of September 2019.

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

X. Old Business – No Old Business

XI. New Business –

A. **MOTION** made by Ms. Ford, seconded by Mr. Tachoir to approve Lorraine Lee, as a Volunteer for the varsity cheerleading squad.

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

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

PSBA President Elect	Art Levinowitz
PSBA Vice President	David Hein
PSBA School Board Secretaries Forum	Crystal Mance Bethanne Zeigler

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

C. **MOTION** made by Ms. Roberts, seconded by Ms. McKenzie to accept the resignation of Darlene Clifford, Paraprofessional, effective October 2, 2019.

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

D. **MOTION** made by Ms. Roberts, seconded by Mr. Fusco to approve the purchase of two (2) used machines from Vangura Tool Incorporated in the amount of \$5,000 to be used in shop classes and the Robotics Club.

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 a budget transfer of \$5,000 from account 10-2240-750-000-00-00-00 to 10-1110-750-000-39-00-00.

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

Administrative Agenda

Personnel Committee – Mr. Livingston, Chairperson

- A. **MOTION** made by Ms. Santoline, seconded by Mr. Carra to ratify Carina Fisher, as Elementary Special Education Teacher Grades 3-5 at Step-1 Bachelors+15 in accordance with the terms and conditions of the agreement between the District and Clairton Education Association (CEA), effective September 09, 2019.

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

- B. **MOTION** made by Ms. Ruffing, seconded by Ms. Roberts to approve the Clairton City School District Act 93 Agreement with adjustments to salaries for the period July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2022, 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. Santoline, seconded by Ms. Ruffing, the Board of Directors, by non-roll call vote, approved the following items designated C. through Q.

- C. Board ratified the alteration/curtailment of the educational program by the elimination of one full-day Kindergarten class for the 2019/2020 school year. This action is taken upon recommendation of the Superintendent due to a substantial decrease in District Kindergarten Enrollment.
- D. Board approved the first reading of Policy #004 – Membership, to reflect requirements from Act 55 of 2017 and new amendments to Section 328 of the PA School Code, as recommended.
- E. Board approved the first reading of Policy #201 – Admission of Students, streamlined to primarily focus on the age requirements for admission to first grade and Kindergarten set by the District in compliance with state law regulations, as mandated by PA School Code for academic year 2020/2021.
- F. Board approved the first reading of Policy #204 – Attendance, updated to reflect the new compulsory school age definition for academic year 2020/2021 in compliance with state law regulations.
- G. Board approved the first reading of Policy #208 – Withdrawal from School, updated to reflect the new compulsory school age definition for academic year 2020/2021 in compliance with state law regulations.

- H. Board approved the first reading of Policy #209 – Health Examinations/Screenings, updated to reflect revisions of state regulations and exceptions in accordance with Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), as necessary for legal liability purposes.
- I. Board approved the first reading of Policy# 808 – Food Services, updated to address Omnibus Bill amendments which revised PA School Code 24 Sec 13-1337 regarding provisions for alternative meals, as required for auditing purposes.
- J. Board approved participation in the 2019/2020 “What’s So Cool About Manufacturing (WSCM) Student Video Contest Program” held by Catalyst Connection. An 8th grade team of students, led by Maria Miller and Nicolette Bendick, will partner with Kurt J. Lesker to explore exciting new career opportunities and create a video for their peers, parents and teachers. There is no cost to the District and Catalyst Connection will provide funding for substitutes and bussing.
- K. Board approved Middle School students to participate in a research study to evaluate a violence prevention program called “Expect Respect”. This program will provide student support groups that discuss healthy relationships and provide emotional support by sharing and expressing emotions. Each student will be provided with tools to help them with decision making and problem solving in a group dynamic. The program will consist of separate gender groups made up of 8-10 7th and 8th grade students and will meet once a week for one period (during their Special or intervention/enrichment period) for 24 weeks. This program and the evaluation are supported by the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention. Dr. Elizabeth Miller from the University of Pittsburgh will be leading this study. There is no cost to the District.
- L. Board approved Clairton Elementary School to participate in Junior Achievement day tentatively scheduled for May 1 or May 6, 2019. Junior Achievement is a high impact way to deliver JA lessons to all elementary students on the same day. Junior Achievement partnered with PDE to develop lessons aligned to Career and College Ready standards. The hands-on and interactive lessons are implemented by trained volunteers.
- M. Board approved Dr. Ginny Hunt to attend the Allegheny Intermediate Unit (AIU) Superintendents’ Professional Development Program to be held on October 9 – 11, 2019 at the Oaklander Hotel Oakland, PA. Conference registration and fees are incurred by the AIU. Travel to/from expenses to be paid by the District.
- N. Board approved Tiffany Gratchic to attend Solution Tree sponsored Professional Learning Communities at Work Institute held at San Antonio, Texas on October 14 - 16, 2019. Registration and Travel Fees to be paid by Title I School Improvement Set-Aside funds 2018/2019. Hotel accommodations to be paid by Title II funds 2019/2020.

- O. Board approved Christopher McConnell to attend Reading Achievement Center 4-Day Series Text Dependent Analysis: Effective Instructional Practices Workshop held at the Allegheny Intermediate Unit on September 18, October 24, December 5, 2019 and January 23, 2020. Registration Fee to be paid by Title I School Improvement Set-Aside funds 2018/2019.
- P. Board approved Greg Spotti to attend Math & Science Collaborative 4-Day Series Grades 3-8: Math Open-Ended Item Workshop held at the Allegheny Intermediate Unit on September 26, November 13, December 18, 2019 and January 14, 2020. Registration Fee to be paid by Title I School Improvement Set-Aside funds 2018/2019.
- Q. Board approved Greg Spotti to attend Math & Science Collaborative 1-Day Games, Games, Games: For The K-8 Math Classroom Workshop held at the Allegheny Intermediate Unit on October 29, 2019. Registration Fee to be paid by Title I School Improvement Set-Aside funds 2018/2019.

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

Business Administrator's Agenda

Finance Committee – Mr. Tachoir, Chairperson

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

- A. Board approved the Memorandum of Understanding between Clairton City School District and Allies for Children to partner in the execution of a School Transportation Ridesharing Initiative as part of a continued effort to improve the student transportation system of youth in Allegheny County, as submitted.
- B. Board accepted the proposal from Hosack, Specht, Muetzel & Wood, LLP, dated June 25, 2019, for auditing services for the years 2019, 2020, and 2021, as submitted.

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

Athletic Agenda

Athletic Committee – Mr. Carra, Chairperson

- A. **MOTION** made by Ms. Santoline, seconded by Ms. McKenzie to approve the employment of Alexis Trubiani, as Ticket Taker and Ticket Seller for the Home Basketball games in accordance with the terms of the agreement between the District and the Clairton Education Association (CEA).

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

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

- B. Board approved Rashawd Hattan as 9th Grade Boys Basketball Coach in accordance with the terms of the agreement between the District and the Clairton Education Association (CEA).
- C. Board approved Rashawd Hattan as a Substitute Chain Crew member for the remainder of the 2019 football season.

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

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

- D. Board approved the following student managers for the 2019 football season:

Jeff Campbell	Donte Wright
Jeff Thompson III	Michael Wright

- E. Board approved the following student managers for the 2019 varsity cheerleading squad:

Bozana Battle	Rhaniya Spence	Lynnae Thomas
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Non-Roll Call Vote: 9 Ayes 0 Nays 0 Absent 0 Abstentions APPROVED

XII. MOTION made by Ms. Roberts, seconded by Ms. Ruffing, at 7:31 p.m. to ADJOURN.

Respectfully submitted:

Gayle S. Colonna
Secretary to the Board