

CLAIRTON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Directors

Legislative Meeting Minutes

May 22, 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 7:03 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 – April 24, 2019

MOTION made by Mr. Carra, seconded by Ms. Ruffing, to approve the Minutes of the April 24, 2019 Legislative Meeting.

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

V. Presentations:

- *Mr. Niedenberger, representative from Hosack, Specht, Muetzel & Wood LLP briefed the Board on the Audit Report and Management Letter.*

- *Mr. Tachoir, shared on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Allegheny Intermediate Unit (AIU) the tribute to Ms. Gonda Meade, Clairton resident, AIU employee and Head Start advocate who has been awarded the 2019 Francine Bunch Memorial Award by the Pennsylvania Head Start Association. An employee for more than 43 years. Ms. Meade was honored for her extraordinary commitment to the AIU, her community and the families she serves.*
- *Mr. Livingston acknowledged the letter sent to the Board from State Representative, Austin Davis congratulating the District on receiving the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association 2019 Best Communities for Music Education and Support Music Merit School designation. Mr. Livingston recognized the music department comprised of Mr. Danchik and Mr. Geckle and extended the Board's appreciation for their hard work and dedication.*
- *Elementary Students of the Month, grades K – 5 were recognized by the Board as they were presented certificates from Mrs. Maurizio, Elementary Principal.*
- *Mr. Livingston read aloud the names of the MS/HS Students of the Month, Terrayia Henley and Donovan Boykin, who were not present to accept their certificates.*

VI. Reports:

A. Administration – No Report

B. Solicitor's Report – No report

C. Board Committees:

- Personnel** – No Report
- Finance** – Met on May 7th
- Curriculum/Technology** – No Report
- Building & Grounds** – No Report
- Athletics** – Met on May 2nd & May 9th
- Recreation** – No Report
- Land Bank** – Met on April 18th
- Steel Center** – No Report

VII. Citizens Comments – Ms. Sharon Myers, 618 Francis Court/337 Shaw Avenue requested to speak. Ms. Meyers stated her topic of discussion was in regard to Children of Promise partnering with the Clairton City School District. Ms. Myers stated she previously addressed the Board for their support and would like to know what she needs to do to develop a partnership. The Solicitor recommended she provide the necessary paperwork to the District for review.

VIII. Treasurer’s Reports – April 2019

MOTION made by Ms. Ford, seconded by Ms. Ruffing, to approve the Treasurer’s Reports for the month of April 2019.

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

IX. Payment of Bills – May 2019

MOTION made by Ms. Roberts, seconded by Ms. McKenzie to approve the Payment of Bills for the month of May 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 Mr. Fusco, seconded by Ms. Santoline to approve Resolution #03-19 declaring school property unused and unnecessary for school purpose and authorizing the private sale for real property owned by the district, 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

Administrative Agenda

Personnel Committee – Mr. Livingston, Chairperson

- A. **MOTION** made by Ms. Roberts, seconded by Ms. Santoline to accept the resignation, with regret, of Dennis Beard as Junior Class Sponsor at the completion of the 2018/2019 school year.

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

- B. **MOTION** made by Ms. Roberts, seconded by Mr. Carra to approve the re-appointment of Gloria Ruffing as Treasurer of the Clairton City School District Board of Directors effective July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

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

- C. **MOTION** made by Ms. Roberts, seconded by Ms. Ruffing to ratify Lisa Maricic as Confidential Secretary for Federal Programs, Curriculum, Professional Development and Human Resources in accordance with the terms and conditions of the agreement executed between Lisa Maricic and the Clairton City School District effective May 20, 2019.

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

- D. **MOTION** made by Ms. Ruffing, seconded by Mr. Carra to approve Adam Livingston as Technology Specialist in accordance with the terms and conditions of the agreement executed between Adam Livingston and the Clairton City School District effective May 23, 2019.

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

**Mr. Livingston abstained due to conflict of interest.*

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

- E. Board approved the following individuals for Keystone Supplementary Instruction beginning July 1 through July 25, 2019 at a rate of \$25.00 per hour for teachers. Expenses to be paid for by the School Intervention Grant.

Keystone Teacher Tutors: Jessica Burke ~ Algebra 10
Jodie Harriman ~ Literature
Teacher Substitute: Renee Goldsmith

- F. Board approved the following individuals for the Extended School Year Program for grades K-12 beginning July 1 through July 25, 2019 at a rate of \$25.00 per hour for teachers. The rate for paraprofessionals is \$15.37 per hour. Expenses to be paid for by the district.

Special Education Teachers: Michelle Menozzi
Tracy Tatar
Paige Visocky
Paraprofessionals: Tara Fields
Corey Keyes
Kathy Moore
Nurse: Cequcoria Hammonds
Teacher Substitute: Renee Goldsmith

- G. 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 2019/2020 school year, as submitted.

- H. Board approved an agreement with Angela Cooper to provide services, as an independent contractor consultant, in order to provide training and technical support on an as-needed basis to various District personnel in the implementation of PIMS, PVAAS Reporting, State Testing, CRDC and Management and Submission of other reports and duties with the skills and expertise of Consultant for the 2019/2020 school year, as submitted.

- I. Board approved Memorandums of Understanding between the CEA and the District for special assignments for the following staff members for the 2019/2020 school year:

Cheryl Bowser Elementary Instructional Coach
Carol Gelet Discipline Management (Elementary)

- J. Board approved Resolution#02-19 requesting DHS and OCDELL to rescind Request for Application for Family Support Programs- Family Centers RFA-23-18 and continue their current provider contracts and maintain current funding levels, as submitted.

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

Curriculum Committee – Ms. Roberts, 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 K. through X.

- K. Board approved Portrait Of A Graduate (POG), as new vision for Clairton High School graduates for the 21st century, as presented.
- L. Board approved the second reading of Policy #423 -Tobacco/Nicotine (Professional Employees) mandated by Federal/State Law, as submitted.
- M. Board approved the second reading of Policy #523 – Tobacco/Nicotine (Support Personnel) mandated by Federal/State Law, as submitted.
- N. Board approved the first reading of Policy #150 – Title I – Comparability of Services mandated for those school entities received Title I funds, as submitted.
- O. Board approved the first reading of Policy #220 – Student Expression/Distribution and Posting of Materials recommended for legal liability purposes, as submitted.
- P. Board approved the first reading of Policy #335 – Family and Medical Leaves recommended for legal liability purposes, as submitted.
- Q. Board approved the first reading of Policy #702.1 – Crowdfunding as a newly developed policy based on interest and recommended best practices, as submitted.
- R. Board approved the first reading of Policy #913 – Non-school Organizations/ Groups/Individuals recommended for legal liability purposes, as submitted.
- S. Board approved proceeding with grant applications for the 2019/2020 school year as follows: Title I, Title II-A, TITLE III, Title VI and Ready to Learn Grants.
- T. Board authorized Dr. Ginny Hunt to apply for a “Carnegie STEM Excellence Pathway” grant through the Carnegie Science Center.
- U. Board approved Dr. Ginny Hunt and Debra Maurizio to attend 4C’s Leadership Academy sponsored by EdLeader21 which includes three face-to-face events. Kickoff on July 22-24, 2019 Columbus, Ohio; EdLeader21 Annual Event on October 1, 2019 Houston, TX and 2-day program Spring 2020 TBD. Travel expenses to be paid from Title I funds.
- V. Board approved the Dual Enrollment Memorandum of Agreement between the Community College of Allegheny County (CCAC) and the Clairton City School District offering CCAC’s Dual Enrollment courses to students, as submitted.
- W. Board ratified the School-Based Peer Support Group for Grieving Children and Adolescents twenty-four (24) month Agreement between the Clairton City School District and Caring Foundation effective April 29, 2019, as submitted.

- X. Board approved entrance fees for Honeybears and Honeycubs to participate in dance competitions.

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

Building and Grounds – Ms. Santoline, Chairperson

- Y. **MOTION** made by Ms. Roberts, seconded by Ms. Ford to approve the use of the area in front of the school, sound system and tables/chairs by Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank, in partnership with Clairton Cares and City Councilwoman Denise Johnson on Tuesday, June 4, 2019 from 2:30 PM to 4:00 PM. The purpose of use is for the Summer Food Program Kick-off to increase awareness of the program, as submitted. 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. Tachoir, Chairperson

- A. **MOTION** made by Ms. Roberts, seconded by Ms. Ruffing to adopt the Proposed Budget for the General Fund of the Clairton City School District for the 2019-20 fiscal year with millage rates of 83.6363 for Land and 7.8060 for Buildings, Revenues of \$16,286,354 and Expenditures of \$17,038,240 and a deficit of \$751,886 and the use of \$751,886 of the Unassigned Fund Balance.

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 Mr. Carra, seconded by Ms. Santoline, the Board of Directors, by non-roll call vote, approved the following items designated B. through E.

- B. Board approved the 2-year service agreement between Clairton City School District and Steel City Therapy, LLC for occupational and physical therapy, as submitted.
- C. Board approved the 2019-2020 Steel Center Combined Budgets [Administrative, Operating, Perkins, and Workforce Development], as submitted.
- D. Board approved Allegheny Intermediate Unit 2019-2020 Services Agreement.
- E. Board ratified the use of the school van by Coach Matthew Geletko to travel to Elizabeth, PA Tuesdays and Thursday during the month of May and June. This is an outside group and they are responsible for all expenses.

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. Santoline, at 7:56 p.m. to ADJOURN.

Board adjourned to Executive Session to discuss Personnel issues.

Respectfully submitted:

Gayle S. Colonna
Secretary to the Board