

CLAIRTON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Directors

Legislative Meeting Minutes

April 24, 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

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| 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 – March 27, 2019

MOTION made by Ms. Ruffing, seconded by Ms. Roberts, to approve the Minutes of the March 27, 2019 Legislative Meeting.

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

V. Presentations:

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

- *Kevin Rice, Executive Director – Steel Center for Career & Technical Education addressed the Board thanking them for allowing him the time to share programs offered at Steel Center as outlined in the “Fast Facts” hand-out provided. Attention was directed to Career Signing Day, Tuesday, May 7th noting the selection of one Clairton student, Ms. Trinity Wilson to showcase her talents.*

At this time Ms. Wilson commented on her hands-on, co-op and apprentice experiences while attending Steel Center. She expressed these experiences ultimately led to acceptance into Point Park’s four year photography program. Her future plans are to fulfill a career in interior design.

Enrollment & Performance of Clairton City School District was highlighted. Of all the member school districts, Clairton has the highest participation rate and maintains a high % success rate of Seniors.

At this time Mr. Livingston announced that the Board met in Executive Session prior to the start of the regular meeting to discuss a student issue.

VI. Reports:

A. Administration – No Report

B. Solicitor’s Report – No report

C. Board Committees:

- a) **Personnel** – No Report
- b) **Finance** – Budget Session on April 24th
- c) **Curriculum/Technology** – No Report
- d) **Building & Grounds** – No Report
- e) **Recreation** – No Report
- f) **Athletics** – No Report
- g) **Land Bank** – Met on April 18th

VII. Citizens Comments – None

VIII. Treasurer’s Reports – March 2019

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

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

IX. Payment of Bills – April 2019

MOTION made by Mr. Carra, seconded by Ms. Ruffing to approve the Payment of Bills for the month of April 2019.

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

X. Old Business – No old business

XI. New Business – No new business

Administrative Agenda

Personnel Committee – Mr. Livingston, Chairperson

A. **MOTION** made by Ms. Ford, seconded by Ms. McKenzie to ratify Lucille Herndon to serve as a Long-Term Substitute for a current employee on unclassified disability at the standard LTS daily rate of \$200/day, effective April 5, 2019 through the end of the 2018/2019 school year.

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

B. **MOTION** made by Ms. Santoline, seconded by Ms. Ruffing to award tenure to Kristen Hecker who has achieved three consecutive satisfactory years of service with the district and obtained Level II Certification.

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

C. **MOTION** made by Mr. Fusco, seconded by Ms. Santoline to approve to name the High School Library the Lawrence Kushner Memorial Library.

Roll Call:

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| Rikell Ford | Yes |
| Felix Fusco | Yes |
| Artrena McKenzie | Yes |
| Richard Livingston | Yes |
| Barbara Roberts | Yes |
| Gloria Ruffing | Yes |
| Kathy Santoline | Yes |

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| Roger Tachoir | Yes |
| Lawrence Carra | Yes |

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

Curriculum Committee – Ms. Roberts, Chairperson

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

- D. Board approved the first reading of Policy #423 Tobacco/Nicotine (Professional Employees) mandated by Federal/State Law, as submitted.
- E. Board approved the first reading of Policy #523 – Tobacco/Nicotine (Support Personnel) mandated by Federal/State Law, as submitted.
- F. Board approved to conduct a comprehensive Extended School Year (ESY) for grades K-12, as mandated by Chapter 14 regulations from July 1 through July 25, 2019. The program will be held Monday – Thursday. Expenses to be paid by the District.
- G. Board approved to conduct a High School Supplemental Keystone Intervention, as mandated by Chapter 4 regulations from July 1 through July 25, 2019. The program will be held Monday – Thursday. Staff will continue July 29 through August 2, 2019 for Keystone testing. Expenses to be paid from 2018/2019 Title I School Intervention Grant.
- H. Board ratified Cheryl Englert to attend The Reading and Writing Project held March 15, 2019 at Columbia University Teachers College, NY. Travel expenses to be paid from Title I Funds.
- I. Board ratified Dr. Ginny Hunt and Debra Maurizio to attend a Superintendent Academy sponsored lecture, Equity in Education, by Dr. Tyrone Howard on Saturday, April 13, 2019 at Camp Curtin Academy, Harrisburg, PA. Travel expenses to be paid from Title I Funds.
- J. Board approved Vanessa Jackson to attend Solution Tree Professional Learning Communities (PLC) At Work Institute on June 12 – 14, 2019 held at St. Charles Convention Center, St. Charles, MO. Registration Fees and travel expenses to be paid from 2018/2019 Title I School Intervention Grant.
- K. Board approved the Alternative Education Services Agreement between the District and Adelphoi Education, Inc. for the 2019/2020 school year, as submitted.

- L. Board authorized Thomas McCloskey to apply for a “Transforming School Culture” grant through the Grable Foundation.

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

Building and Grounds – Ms. Santoline, Chairperson

- M. **MOTION** made by Ms. Roberts, seconded by Ms. Ruffing to approve the use of the Elementary Cafeteria on Monday through Friday beginning June 17 through August 2, 2019 for the Summer Feeding Program offered by The Nutrition Group. Breakfast served at 9:00 AM and lunch served at 12:00 PM. The site will be open to all children 18 and under. Food Services Director, Ms. Louanne Schmitt is responsible for this program, as submitted.

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 Mr. Fusco, seconded by Mr. Carra to accept the Independent Auditor’s Report, which includes the Single Audit Report, for the Clairton City School District for the year ended June 30, 2018, as prepared by Hosack, Specht, Muetzel and Wood LLP. Audit Report will be advertised and on display in the Business Office.

Roll Call:

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| 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

- B. **MOTION** made by Ms. Roberts, seconded by Mr. Carra to approve the Renewal Year Contract with Nutrition, Inc., as submitted.

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

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. and D.

- C. Board awarded a three-year contract for athletic training services to UPMC Sports Medicine with a total cost of \$86,100.00, as submitted.
- D. Board approved renewal of Program Services with PSBA Inc., for 2019-2020 Membership in the amount of \$2,692.20 for standard membership and \$1,250.00 for policy maintenance, as submitted.

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. Ruffing, at 7:39 p.m. to ADJOURN.

At this time a citizen approached Mr. Livingston to allow Citizen Comments, the Board was in agreement and reconvened at 7:40 p.m.

Citizens Comments – Ms. Barb Payo, 526 9th Street, requested to speak. Ms. Payo indicated the topic of discussion was sexual misconduct. She proceeded to share allegations her son, who is in the sixth grade, shared with her regarding a fellow student participating in personal inappropriate sexual behavior in the classroom. She proceeded to question why the District did not notify parents.

The Solicitor in attendance, Mr. William Andrews, addressed the question first by explaining Confidentiality and Privacy Rights of students. He further stated the incident was reported, immediately handled and police notified. Mr. Andrews confirmed appropriate action was taken regarding the Rights to all involved and liabilities. The District has “appropriately handled the situation” and this is the statement to be released.

In closing, after consent given by the Solicitor, Mr. Livingston addressed Ms. Payo about posting allegations of this nature on Facebook without contacting the appropriate Administration. He then reminded Ms. Payo of protocol and kindly requested she follow

this by first contacting the school Administration. The Superintendent and/or any Board members would have also been able to respond to her appropriately before the said allegations were posted on Facebook.

Mr. Livingston dismissed the Board at 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Gayle S. Colonna
Secretary to the Board