

CLAIRTON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Directors

Legislative Meeting Minutes

March 27, 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 7:01 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Lawrence Carra	Present	
Rikell Ford	Present	
Felix Fusco	Absent (<i>Personal</i>)	
Richard Livingston	Present	
Artrena McKenzie	Absent (<i>Personal</i>)	
Barbara Roberts	Present	
Gloria Ruffing	Present	
Kathy Santoline	Present	
Roger Tachoir	Present	
Board of Directors:	7 Present	2 Absent

III. Salute to the Flag

IV. Approval of the Minutes – February 27, 2019

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

Non-Roll Call Vote: 7 Ayes 0 Nays 2 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*

VI. Reports:

A. Administration – Dr. Hunt shared three items with the Board as follows:

- 1) Wednesday, March 27th - Dr. Hunt, Sara Hoffman, Debra Maurizio and Tom McCloskey attended the PERC Job Fair in Monroeville. Interviews took place with potential teachers and/or teacher substitutes. Two hundred applications were acquired for future reference.
- 2) Friday, March 29th – there will be a delayed start due to a Districtwide In-Service. Guest speakers will be present from the University of Pittsburgh and Duquesne University to discuss the book “Living Through the Cracks”.
- 3) Tuesday, March 26th - Guest Speaker, Michelle Kenney, mother of Antwon Rose, addressed the students during an assembly for the Middle and High School. Ms. Kenney talked about Antwon, the verdict and the importance of an education. Dr. Hunt conveyed to the Board that the students’ reception of Ms. Rose was very positive and their conduct during the assembly was exceptional.

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) **Recreation** – No Report
- f) **Athletics** – No Report
- g) **Land Bank** – Met/Presented at the March 20th Board Work Session

VII. Citizens Comments – Mr. Richard Lindsey, 642 12th Street, requested to speak. Mr. Lindsey addressed Dr. Hunt specifically to thank and commend her for having Ms. Kenney come in and address the students. Mr. Lindsey stated this was a life lesson for the students besides just academic. He concluded with saying the outcome of inviting Ms. Kenney was not only beneficial to the students but, in his opinion, to the entire community.

At this time Alexis Trubiani, Public Relations for the District shared numerous positive responses received since posting the assembly and Ms. Kenney on the District Facebook page. Neighboring school districts are calling and commenting on how impressed and pleased they are with the steps Clairton took to be proactive in light of the recent news event.

Bringing comments to a close, Mr. Livingston offered support and appreciation to Dr. Hunt on behalf of the Board of Directors.

VIII. Treasurer’s Reports – February 2019

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

Non-Roll Call Vote: 7 Ayes 0 Nays 2 Absent 0 Abstentions APPROVED

IX. Payment of Bills – March 2019

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

Non-Roll Call Vote: 7 Ayes 0 Nays 2 Absent 0 Abstentions APPROVED

X. Old Business – Stacie Baur, CEA President and Jennifer Schlata, CEA Vice President shared information with the Board regarding their “Legislative Breakfast” with State Representative Austin Davis and Senator James Brewster and their trip to Harrisburg on March 26, 2019 to voice support for raising the minimum educator salary in Pennsylvania. Educators across Pennsylvania met with lawmakers in support of raising the minimum educator salary to \$45,000 per year based on Gov. Wolf’s proposal. Ms. Baur and Ms. Schlata shared their stories of serving in a struggling school district and earning less than the proposed minimum annually. They shared their enthusiasm from this experience and were happy that policymakers heard their stories and want to do something about it, further reporting a bill is being sponsored in both the Senate and the House of Representatives.

XI. New Business – No new business

Administrative Agenda

Personnel Committee – Mr. Livingston, Chairperson

A. **MOTION** made by Ms. Ford, seconded by Ms. Ruffing to award tenure to Brittany Marnell who has achieved three consecutive satisfactory years of service with the district and obtained Level II Certification.

Non-Roll Call Vote: 7 Ayes 0 Nays 2 Absent 0 Abstentions APPROVED

- B. **MOTION** made by Ms. Santoline, seconded by Ms. Roberts to ratify Adam Livingston, student at CCAC to serve a field internship with Aaron Maricic, Coordinator of Technology commencing March 12, 2019, at no cost to the district.

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

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

- C. **MOTION** made by Ms. Roberts, seconded by Ms. Ford to approve the 2019/2020 school calendar, as submitted.

Non-Roll Call Vote: 7 Ayes 0 Nays 2 Absent 0 Abstentions APPROVED

Curriculum Committee – Ms. Roberts, Chairperson

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

- D. Board approved the second reading of Policy#103 – Nondiscrimination/Discriminatory Harassment – School Classroom Practices, satisfying mandates for required language on nondiscrimination and harassment, as submitted.
- E. Board approved the second reading of Policy#103.1 – Nondiscrimination – Qualified Students with Disabilities recommended for legal liability purposes, as submitted.
- F. Board approved the second reading of Policy#104 – Nondiscrimination/Discriminatory Harassment – Employment Practices satisfying mandates for required language on nondiscrimination and harassment, as submitted.
- G. Board approved the second reading of Policy#222 – Tobacco/Nicotine recommended for legal liability purposes, as submitted.
- H. Board approved the second reading of Policy#247 – Hazing mandated by Federal/State Law, as submitted.
- I. Board approved the second reading of Policy#249 – Bullying/Cyberbullying mandated by Federal/State Law, as submitted.
- J. Board approved the second reading of Policy#323 – Tobacco/Nicotine mandated by Federal/State Law, as submitted.
- K. Board approved the second reading of Policy#707 – Use of School Facilities in accordance with the Pennsylvania School Code, 24 P.S. Sec. 510.2 recommended for legal liability purposes, as submitted.

- L. Board approved the second reading of Policy#904 – Public Attendance at School Events in accordance with the Pennsylvania School Code, 24 P.S. Sec. 510.2 recommended for legal liability purposes, as submitted.
- M. Board approved the Program of Studies & Course Descriptions for the 2019/2020 school year, as submitted.
- N. Board ratified Patricia Detwiler to attend the Title I sponsored “Winter Wonder” Parent Workshop held, March 13, 2019, at the Georgetown Center from 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at a cost of \$175 for the guest speaker fee and \$35/person attending. To be paid from Title I funds.
- O. Board approved Kristen Sirbaugh and Kelly Thompson to attend Schools Than Can National Forum held April 30 – May 1, 2019 in Newark, NJ. Half the cost of Registration fees and travel expenses to be paid by Schools That Can and the remainder with School Improvement Funds.
- P. Board approved participation in the Will Allen Foundation, Quest Program for the remainder of the 2018/2019 and upcoming 2019/2020 school year on an ongoing basis, as submitted.
- Q. Board approved the District’s membership in EdLeader21 at an annual cost of \$1,000 and to approve Dr. Ginny Hunt, Debra Maurizio, Thomas McCloskey and Dr. John Wilkinson to be the District Representatives to EdLeader21.

Non-Roll Call Vote: 7 Ayes 0 Nays 2 Absent 0 Abstentions APPROVED

Building and Grounds – Ms. Santoline, Chairperson

ON MOTION made by Ms. Ruffing, seconded by Ms. Ford, the Board of Directors, by non-roll call vote, approved the following items designated R. through U.

- R. Board ratified the use of the Gymnasium on Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning February 26 through April 11, 2019 during the hours of 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. by Clairton Croatian Club for basketball practice leading up to their tournament, as submitted. Lucille Herndon is responsible for this program. All fees have been waived.
- S. Board ratified the use of the Gymnasium on Wednesdays beginning March 6 through April 24, 2019 during the hours of 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. by Clairton Youth Football for basketball practice. Clairton Youth Football is responsible for proper maintenance of the areas used. Mr. Jeffery Thompson is in charge. All fees have been waived.

- T. Board ratified Tribella's Dance Academy to use the Auditorium for dance practice on Sunday, March 24, 2019 from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. All fees have been waived. Mr. Thomas McCloskey is responsible for this program, as submitted.
- U. Board approved the use of the display screens by Friends of the Clairton Public Library for their Annual Art Show/Sale to be held April 10 through April 12, 2019. District maintenance staff will deliver the display screens to the Library on Monday, April 1, 2019 or Wednesday, April 3, 2019.

Non-Roll Call Vote: 7 Ayes 0 Nays 2 Absent 0 Abstentions APPROVED

Business Administrator's Agenda

Finance Committee – Mr. Tachoir, Chairperson

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

- A. Board accepted the proposed 2019/2020 Allegheny Intermediate Unit Program of Services Budget in the amount of \$2,144,656.00. The Clairton City School District contribution to the AIU Program of Services Budget is estimated to be \$4,050.00 and will be determined by PDE according to District Aid Ratio and Weighted Average Daily Membership (WADM).
- B. Board ratified the repairs of mechanical bleachers as a result of the annual inspection by C.M. Eichenlaub, Co.
- C. Board awarded contract for roof replacement of the Miller Avenue Annex Building to Miller Thomas Gyekis, Inc. subject to final approval to McMillen Engineering.
- D. Board approved Coach Wade to use the school van to travel to Indianapolis, Indiana on March 22 – 24, 2019. This is an outside group and they are responsible for all expenses.

Non-Roll Call Vote: 7 Ayes 0 Nays 2 Absent 0 Abstentions APPROVED

Athletic Agenda

Athletic Committee – Mr. Carra, Chairperson

- A. **MOTION** made by Ms. Roberts, seconded by Ms. Santoline to ratify Anthony St. Angelo, as Varsity Assistant Coach (Offensive Coordinator) for the 2019/2020 Varsity Football season.

Non-Roll Call Vote: 7 Ayes 0 Nays 2 Absent 0 Abstentions APPROVED

- B. **MOTION** made by Ms. Santoline, seconded by Ms. Ruffing to approve the Colt Field Lease Agreement between Clairton City School District and City of Clairton, as submitted.

Non-Roll Call Vote: 7 Ayes 0 Nays 2 Absent 0 Abstentions APPROVED

- XII. MOTION made by Ms. Ruffing, seconded by Mr. Tachoir, at 7:49 p.m. to ADJOURN.**

Board adjourned to Executive Session to discuss Personnel issues.

Respectfully submitted:

Gayle S. Colonna
Secretary to the Board