

CLAIRTON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Directors

Legislative Meeting Minutes

September 26, 2018

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
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III. Salute to the Flag

IV. Approval of the Minutes – August 22, 2018

MOTION made by Ms. Roberts, seconded by Ms. Ford, to approve the Minutes of the August 22, 2018 Legislative Meeting.

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

V. **Presentation:** *Modified Day/Alternative to Extended Suspension, Dr. John Wilkinson*

Dr. Wilkinson presented to the Board his vision, objective and rationale for a modified day. Mr. Wilkinson stated his vision is to create a culture, whereas, students are socially responsible for their behavior. His objective to develop a protocol for behavior modification that employs a combination of typical school day with a modified day. He expounded on what constitutes a modified day and outlined Modified Day Succession Plans based on the number of discipline referrals.

VI. Reports:

- A. Administration** – No Report
- 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

VII. Citizens Comments – None

VIII. Treasurer’s Report – August 2018

MOTION made by Ms. Santoline, seconded by Ms. Ruffing, to approve the Treasurer’s Report for the month of August 2018.

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

IX. Payment of Bills – September 2018

MOTION made by Mr. Fusco, seconded by Mr. Carra, to approve the Payment of Bills for the month of September 2018.

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

- X. Old Business** – Mr. Tachoir, on behalf of the Allegheny Intermediate Unit (AIU), conveyed issues regarding the Miller Avenue Annex Building to the Board. Mr. Tachoir indicated that representatives from the AIU would like to meet with the Board and Administration to formulate a plan for the future of the building and the Head Start Program. He then asked Larry Nicolette, Business Administrator to speak to these issues. Mr. Nicolette shared his recommendation for renovation of the building addressing the AIU concerns. A tentative date was set for Monday, October 1, 2018 to meet with the AIU. Time TBD.

Also, under old business, Mr. Nicolette shared with the Board the status of the sanitary pit flooding issue which has occurred since the Clairton Municipal Authority Storm Sewer Improvements project. The District has contracted with a Civil Engineer to assess the situation.

Mr. Fusco announced the appointment of Clairton alumni Robert Geletko as Director of Business for the Mt. Lebanon School District and on behalf of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Geletko, conveyed their thanks to the District and teaching staff for the support Rob received as a student which was instrumental in attaining this position.

XI. New Business –

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

President Elect	Eric Wolfgang
Vice President	Art Levinowitz
PSBA Insurance Trust	Abstain

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

B. **MOTION** made by Ms. Roberts, seconded by Ms. McKenzie, to approve the Modified Day/Alternative to Extended Suspension proposal presented by Dr. Wilkinson, effective immediately.

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

Administrative Agenda

Personnel Committee – Mr. Livingston, Chairperson

A. **MOTION** made by Mr. Carra, seconded by Ms. Ford, to accept the resignation of Heather Cobert, Special Education Teacher, effective September 11, 2018.

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

ON MOTION made by Ms. Roberts, seconded by Ms. Santoline, the Board of Directors, by non-roll call vote, approved the following items designated B. through H.

B. Board approved to accept the resignation of Emily Izzo, Third Grade Teacher, effective September 14, 2018.

- C. Board approved to accept the resignation of Michael Linnert, Athletic Director, and effective date not to exceed sixty (60) days beyond written resignation, as submitted.
- D. Board approved accept the resignation of Michael Linnert, Associate Principal, and effective date not to exceed sixty (60) days beyond written resignation, as submitted.
- E. Board ratified the employment of Mary Mack, Third Grade Teacher, at Step-1 Bachelors in accordance with the terms and conditions of the agreement between the District and Clairton Education Association (CEA), effective September 10, 2018.
- F. Board ratified the employment of Gretchen Fluhme, Secondary Special Education Teacher, at Step-3 Masters in accordance with the terms and conditions of the agreement between the District and Clairton Education Association (CEA), effective September 12, 2018.
- G. Board ratified the employment of Kacey Maloney, Elementary/ESL Teacher, at Step-1 Masters in accordance with the terms and conditions of the agreement between the District and Clairton Education Association (CEA), effective September 24, 2018.
- H. Board approved to employ the following individuals for Before-School, After-School and Extended Week (Saturday) Detention Monitors for the 2018/2019 school year at a rate of \$25.00 per hour for teachers. Expenses to be paid for by Title I Funds.

Renee Goldsmith
Michelle Snyder

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

Curriculum Committee – Ms. Roberts

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

- I. Board approved the first reading of Policy #006 – Meetings, recommended changes in the Omnibus Bill, as per policy guides provided by PSBA.
- J. Board approved the first reading of Policy #108 – Adoption of Textbooks, per Omnibus Bill amended PA School Code 24 P.S. Section 8-803 recommended policy.
- K. Board approved the first reading of Policy #246 – School Wellness, per PA School Code Sections 24 P.S. Section 7-701 and 7-742 addressing the Omnibus Bill as mandated for any school entity participating in Federal Child Nutrition programs, including National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs.

- L. Board approved the first reading of Policy #311 – Reduction of Staff, per PA School Code Section 1125.1, recommended for legal liability purposes.
- M. Board approved the first reading of Policy #704 – Maintenance, per PA School Code 24 P.S. Sec. 7-742, recommended as a result of legislation in the Omnibus Bill.
- N. Board approved the first reading of Policy #806 – Child Abuse, revised to address recent changes in state and federal laws, as recommended.
- O. Board approved the first reading of Policy #808 – Food Services, revised to address Omnibus Bill amendments to PA School Code 24 Sec 13-1337, as required for auditing purposes.
- P. Board ratified the contract between Clairton City School District and Waterfront Learning for services provided to the Clairton Alternative Education Program during the 2018/2019 school year, as submitted.
- Q. Board ratified the contract agreement between the Clairton City School District and Wesley Spectrum for Psychological Services for Independent Educational Evaluations, as submitted.
- R. Board approved Dr. Ginny Hunt to attend the Allegheny Intermediate Unit (AIU) Superintendents' Professional Development Program to be held on October 3 – 5, 2018 at Omni, Bedford Springs, PA. Conference registration and fees are incurred by the AIU. Travel to/from expenses to be paid by the district.
- S. Board approved Thomas McCloskey to proceed with a \$10,000 grant application to the Pittsburgh Foundation for the purpose of revitalization and enrichment of our middle and high school science classes.
- T. Board approved FREE flu shots to be dispensed by Southeast Regional EMS to Clairton City School District staff in collaboration with Clairton Community PartnerSHIP commencing October 1, 2018.
- U. Board approved Clairton City School District participation in the Around the Table South initiative with Jefferson Regional Foundation and the Jefferson Community Collaborative during the week of October 15th – 19th, 2018 to explore through conversation how to strengthen our community, as presented.
- V. Board approved Andrea Morobitto and Alexis Trubiani to participate in the American Heart Association's Go RED Goes STEM day-long event Friday, November 30, 2018 combined with year-long opportunities to explore STEM outside the classroom for our students, as presented.

- W. Board approved Nicolette Bendick, Thomas McCloskey, Rebecca Pecora, Cassidy Pytash, Maureen Shaw, Kristen Sirbaugh and Jennifer Wells to participate in the Educator in the Workplace program offered by The Consortium in collaboration with Partner 4 Work (P4W – Workforce Investment Board in Allegheny County) for the 2018/2019 school year, as presented.
- X. Board approved the adoption of JumpStart Success online curriculum, in conjunction with Schools That Can and to provide Work Readiness and Career Exploration Training to Nicolette Bendick, Maureen Shaw, Ted Ulmer and Jennifer Wells for the 2018/2019 school year, as presented.

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. Ruffing, to approve the use of the school parking lot and the Large Avenue sidewalk for the Trunk and Treat program on Wednesday, October 31, 2018 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

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

- A. Board ratified the lease agreement with ComDoc for the replacement of one copier in the Health Office with a Xerox M20i, as presented.
- B. Board ratified Addendum to Standard Security Service Agreement, 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. Roberts, seconded by Ms. Santoline, to approve the following individuals as student managers for the Varsity Football team for the 2018 season.

Desmond Short
William Thompson III

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

XII. MOTION made by Ms. Roberts, seconded by Mr. Carra, at 8:17 p.m. to ADJOURN.

Respectfully submitted:

Gayle S. Colonna
Secretary to the Board