

CLAIRTON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Directors

Legislative Meeting Minutes

January 24, 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 7:08 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Lawrence Carra	Present
Rikell Ford	Present
Felix Fusco	Present
Gloria James	Present
Richard Livingston	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 – Reorganization December 6, 2017 and December 6, 2017 Legislative Meetings

MOTION made by Ms. Roberts, seconded by Mr. Carra, to approve the Minutes of the Reorganization December 6, 2017 and December 6, 2017 Legislative Meetings.

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

V. Presentations:

- *Elementary and MS/HS Students of the Month were recognized by the Board as they were presented certificates from Dr. Hunt, Superintendent.*

VI. Reports

A. Administration – No Report

B. Solicitor's Report – No Report

C. Board Committees:

- a) **Personnel** – January 9th – *by phone*
- b) **Finance** – No Report
- c) **Curriculum/Technology** – No Report
- d) **Building & Grounds** – January 4th – *by phone*
- e) **Recreation** – No Report
- f) **Athletics** – No Report
- g) **Land Bank** – January 11th Meeting

VII. Citizens Comments – Ms. Brittany Hallas, 749 East Drive requested to speak. She indicated the topic of discussion was the Safety of the children when walking to school. Ms. Hallas conveyed her concerns and observations made while driving her child to school. Mr. Livingston explained to her the responsibilities of the City pertaining to Crossing Guards and the courtesy provided by the Clairton Police to assist in their absence. Dr. Hunt clarified the District’s procedures for 2-hour delays due to weather. Both Dr. Hunt and Mr. Livingston assured her the safety of the students are uppermost to the District. Mr. Fusco suggested a follow-up with the Clairton Police to review protocol.

**VIII. Treasurer’s Report – November 2017
December 2017**

MOTION made by Ms. Santoline, seconded by Ms. Ruffing, to approve the Treasurer’s Report for the months of November and December 2017.

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

**IX. Payment of Bills – December 2017
January 2018**

MOTION made by Ms. Roberts, seconded by Ms. James, to approve the Payment of Bills for the months of December 2017 and January 2018.

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. Roberts, seconded by Mr. Fusco, to approve Corey Keyes, as Paraprofessional in accordance with the terms and conditions of the agreement between the District and the Clairton Education Support Professionals (CESP), effective January 24, 2018.

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

- B. **MOTION** made by Mr. Tachoir, seconded by Ms. Roberts, to enter into an agreement with Intermediate Unit 1 Non-Public Schools Program to provide mandated Title I services at Madonna Catholic Regional School at a cost of \$859.00 for one (1) Clairton student to be paid from Title I Funds 2017-2018.

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

At this time Mr. Tachoir discussed the nomination of School Board Director for the Trustee position of Allegheny County Schools Health Insurance Consortium - Southeast Region, term expiring April 2018. Discussion ensued regarding the functions and expectations. It was decided by the Board to revisit this item after Mr. Livingston attends the Steel Center meeting on February 6, 2018.

Administrative Agenda

Personnel Committee – Mr. Livingston, Chairperson

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

- A. Board accepted the resignation of Kami Ritter, Special Education Teacher, effective within 60 days, as submitted.
- B. Board accepted, with regret, her resignation for the purpose of retirement of Debra Porter, Paraprofessional, effective June 01, 2018. Ms. Porter has been with the District 19 years.
- C. Board accepted, with regret, her resignation for the purpose of retirement of Linda Randall, Paraprofessional, effective June 30, 2018. Ms. Randall has been with the District 15 ½ years.
- D. Board accepted, with regret, her irrevocable resignation for purpose of retirement of Maria DiCarlo, School Nurse, being granted the retirement benefit as specified under the terms of the CEA/District Agreement, effective December 31, 2018.
- E. Board amended the unpaid Maternity Leave of Heather Cobert, Elementary Teacher, to extend no more than twelve (12) months for FMLA beginning February 2, 2018 with a return to work date of February 2, 2019, as per the terms of the CEA/District Agreement.
- F. Board approved an unpaid Maternity Leave of absence to Taylor Dreher, paraprofessional effective February 16, 2018 through April 19, 2018 in accordance with the terms and agreement between the District and Clairton Educational Support Professionals (CESP).

- G. Board awarded tenure to Kristan Ferguson who has achieved three consecutive satisfactory years of service with the district and obtained Level II Certification.
- H. Board approved Gina DiCarlo, Duquesne University student to shadow Jordyn D’Alessandro, Crossroads Speech Therapist for her undergraduate speech pathology program commencing in the Spring Semester of 2018, at no cost to the district.
- I. Board ratified a change in the District Calendar to reflect a closure for students due to inclement weather with make-up day submitted for approval to PDE as follows:

Closed	Make-up Day	Information
January 5, 2018 - Teacher Day/No School	March 16, 2018	In-Service Day changed to school day.

- J. Board approved a disciplinary agreement made December 6, 2017 by and between the Clairton City School District and Student A charged with violations of the District’s Code of Student Conduct, as submitted.

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

- K. **MOTION** made by Ms. Roberts, seconded by Ms. Santoline, to endorse the candidacy of Roger Tachoir, Board Member, for a position on the Board of Directors of the Allegheny Intermediate Unit.

Roll Call:

Richard Livingston	Yes
Barbara Roberts	Yes
Gloria Ruffing	Yes
Kathy Santoline	Yes
Roger Tachoir	Yes
Lawrence Carra	Yes
Rikell Ford	Yes
Felix Fusco	Yes
Gloria James	Yes

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

- L. **MOTION** made by Mr. Carra, seconded by Mr. Fusco, to approve Resolution 02-18, Opposing ESA Voucher Programs (SB2) by the Board of Directors of the Clairton City School District, as submitted.

Roll Call:

Richard Livingston	Yes
Barbara Roberts	Yes
Gloria Ruffing	Yes

Kathy Santoline	Yes
Roger Tachoir	Yes
Lawrence Carra	Yes
Rikell Ford	Yes
Felix Fusco	Yes
Gloria James	Yes

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

Curriculum Committee – Ms. James, 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 M. through R.

- M. Board ratified the revised contract with Crossroads Speech & Hearing Inc. to provide speech and language therapy services for 2017/2018 school year at a rate of \$61,500 per each Full Time Speech/Language Pathologist and PRN Speech Therapy Services in addition to at a rate of \$40.00/hour, as submitted.
- N. Board approved the Memorandum of Understanding between the Foster Grandparents Program (FGP) Sponsored by Wesley Family Services and Clairton Elementary to be considered a FGP Volunteer Station effective January 25, 2018 through June 30, 2021, as submitted.
- O. Board approved of the District's membership in EdLeader21 at a cost of \$1,000 and to approve Dr. Ginny Hunt, Tom McCloskey and Debra Maurizio to be the District Representatives to EdLeader21.
- P. Board approved the first reading of Policy#808 – Food Services required for auditing purposes, as submitted.
- Q. Board approved Dave Geckle to attend PMEA State In-Service Conference on April 19 through April 21, 2018 at the Lancaster Conference Center, Lancaster, PA. Registration fees and travel expenses to be paid with 2016-17 School Intervention Grant funds.
- R. Board approved 11 students and 1 chaperone from The Future is Mine to attend the Student Leadership Conference on Thursday, April 19 through Friday, April 20, 2018 (Overnight) at Marriott City Center. Students will have the opportunity to participate in job shadows in Pittsburgh, Network and Team Building. All expenses paid by the Consortium. Transportation is requested to be provided by the District.

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

Building and Grounds – Ms. Santoline, Chairperson

- S. **MOTION** made by Ms. James, seconded by Ms. Roberts, to ratify the use of the Neil C. Brown Annex Parking Lot on Sunday, January 14, 2018 from 8:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. for Jamie Hines Candlelight Vigil, prayer service by Rev. Jamaal Lester. All fees have been waived.

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

- T. **MOTION** made by Ms. Ruffing, seconded by Ms. Ford, to ratify the use of the Secondary Library for ReClaim Ambassador Training on the following Mondays: January 8, 22, 29; February 12, 26; and March 23, 26, 2018 from 6pm to 8pm. 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. Santoline, to approve Resolution 01-18 pursuant to Section 311(d)(1) of Act 1 that the Clairton City School District will not raise the rate of any tax for 2018-19, by more than the adjusted Index of 3.8% calculated by PDE.

Roll Call:

Lawrence Carra	Yes
Rikell Ford	Yes
Felix Fusco	Yes
Gloria James	Yes
Richard Livingston	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

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

- B. Board ratified Pennsylvania Unemployment Compensation Power of Attorney Agreement with Interstate Tax Service, Inc., as submitted.

- C. Board ratified work order to replace air dryer for pneumatics with Trane in the amount of \$2,654 dated December 29, 2017, as submitted.
- D. Board approved the MOU between the Allegheny Intermediate Unit Head Start Program and the Clairton City School District concerning the Annex, 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. James, seconded by Ms. Roberts, to ratify Kawaki Bradford as Timekeeper-Varsity; home during the 2017/2018 basketball season to be paid 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

- B. **MOTION** made by Ms. Roberts, seconded by Ms. Santoline, to ratify the giving of uniform jersey number 21 to Ms. Linda Kulikowski, mother of Jamie Hines, as a gesture acknowledging the passing of her son.

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

Mr. Tachoir stated he had several information items to share with the Board, but would first like to thank Dr. Hunt for the jackets given to the Board at the Board Appreciation Dinner.

- *Meeting with Legislators to be held at the Allegheny Intermediate Unit on Monday, January 22 at 7p.m.*
- *Steel Center and Mon Valley School are in the process of appraising their deteriorating infrastructures and anticipate the implementation of an Architectural Study. Mr. Tachoir will keep the Board informed.*

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

The Board adjourned to Executive Session to discuss personnel issues.

Respectfully submitted:

Gayle S. Colonna
Secretary to the Board