

CLAIRTON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Directors
Legislative Meeting Minutes
January 25, 2017
7:00 p.m.

I. Call to Order – Richard P. Livingston, President of the Board of School Directors, called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

II. Roll Call

William Bradford	Present	
Lawrence Carra	Present	
Gloria James	Present	
Richard Livingston	Present	
Barbara Roberts	Present	
Gloria Ruffing	Present	
Kathy Santoline	Present	
Roger Tachoir	Present	
Jennifer Williams	Absent	
Board of Directors:	8 Present	1 Absent

III. Salute to the Flag

IV. Approval of the Minutes – Reorganization Meeting December 7, 2016 and Legislative Meeting December 7, 2016

MOTION made by Ms. Roberts, seconded by Ms. Ruffing, to approve the Minutes of the Reorganization Meeting December 7, 2016 and Legislative meeting December 7, 2016.

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

V. Presentations –

- *Students attending Mon Valley School were recognized by the Board as “Golden Hammer Award” recipients. They were presented certificates from Mrs. Vogtsberger, Special Education Supervisor, for showing great improvement in preparation for competitive employment.*

- *Students attending Steel Center for Career and Technical Education were recognized by the Board as “Extra Effort Award” recipients. They were presented certificates for their outstanding achievements by Mr. Tachoir, Board Representative to Steel Center.*
- *On behalf of the Board, Mr. Livingston and Mr. Bradford presented individual certificates to the Clairton Bears Varsity Football Team in recognition of their efforts displayed in participation in the team’s attainment of 2016 WPIAL A Champions and PIAA A State Championship Runner-up.*

(Ms. Williams entered the meeting at 7:22 p.m.)

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

VI. Reports –

A. Administration – Dr. Hunt noted the Title I Family Advisory Council Meeting, prior to the Board meeting, presented “Google Classroom” and was well attended. Dr. Hunt commended Mrs. Maurizio on her efforts to increase parent involvement.

B. Solicitor’s Report – No Report

C. Board Committees:

a) **Personnel** – No Report

Set the time of day for future meetings to be held at 5:30 p.m.

b) **Finance** – Mr. Tachoir briefed the Board on the January 11th meeting held with Trane. The Energy Saving Project is underway and Trane will be making another presentation during the February meeting.

c) **Curriculum/Technology** – No Report

d) **Building & Grounds** – No Report

Preparations for scheduling the “Walk-Thru” prior to the budget meetings were noted.

e) **Athletics** – No Report

f) **Recreation** – Mr. Bradford commented on the City’s positive response the weekend usage of the gymnasium for recreational activities.

g) **Land Bank** - Mr. Livingston stated a Land Bank Committee has been established and representatives of the Board will be attending future Land Bank meetings.

VII. Citizens Comments – None

**VIII. Treasurer’s Report – November, 2016
December, 2016**

MOTION made by Mr. Bradford, seconded by Ms. Roberts, to approve the Treasurer’s Report for the months of November 2016 and December 2016.

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

**IX. Payment of Bills – December 2016
January 2017**

MOTION made by Mr. Carra, seconded by Ms. Santoline, to approve the Payment of Bills for the months of December 2016 and January 2017.

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

X. Old Business – None

XI. New Business – Mr. Livingston shared the following information, as provided by Alexis Trubiani, Public Relations representative on the Unity Committee:

- Mid-February 2017 – Construction will begin on Armand Martin’s office
- March 31, 2017 – Groundbreaking for the Speedway Market
- May 27, 2017 – 5K Run
- Community Day – TBD after a conference call and meeting with the fireman
- Scholarship Funds will be available for one (1) Female and one (1) Male Student

At this time, Mr. Tachoir mentioned receiving three books which were given to him during the Allegheny Intermediate Unit’s “Board Recognition Month” dinner. Mr. Tachoir stated that he will be donating these to the District’s HS Library. Mr. Tachoir also conveyed his appreciation for the wonderful meal Ms. Gaynor, Food Service Director prepared for the Board last week prior to the Work Session. Further acknowledgements were extended to Dr. Hunt, Superintendent and Mrs. Maurizio, Elementary Principal for the gifts received from administration, staff and students.

Administrative Agenda

Personnel Committee – Mr. Livingston, Chairperson

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

- A. Board ratified employment of Diane Cook, Paraprofessional, effective December 19, 2016 in accordance with the terms of the agreement between the District and the Clairton Education Support Professionals (CESP).
- B. Board ratified employment of Kelly Thompson as Secondary English Teacher effective January 3, 2017, at Step 8 – Masters in accordance with the terms of the agreement between the District and the Clairton Education Association (CEA).
- C. Board ratified up to six weeks health leave of absence to Laurie Garry effective March 19, 2017 in accordance with the terms and agreement between the District and Clairton Educational Support Professionals (CESP).
- D. Board approved the following professionals to serve as LEA (Local Education Agency) representatives for IEP's for the District who are (a) qualified to provide, or supervise the provision of specially designed instruction to meet unique needs of children with disabilities, (b) knowledgeable about general curriculum, and (c) knowledgeable about the availability of school district resources (IDEA Regulations, 34 C.F.R. § 300.344). This individual by signing the IEP, commits school district resources listed in the IEP:

Crystal Vogtsberger, Special Education Supervisor
Thomas McCloskey, Middle School/High School Principal
Michael Linnert, Middle School/High School Assistant Principal
Debra Maurizio, Elementary Principal
Carol Gelet, Elementary Dean of Discipline
Deborah Marshall, Principal of Alternative and Cyber
Kimberly Koebler, School Psychologist
- E. Board approved a disciplinary agreement made December 7, 2016 by and between the Clairton City School District and Student A charged with violations of the District's Code of Student Conduct, as submitted.
- F. Board approved approve a disciplinary agreement made December 13, 2016 by and between the Clairton City School District and Student B 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

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 G. through I.

- G. Board approved the revised contract with Crossroads Speech & Hearing Inc. to provide speech and language therapy services for 2016-17 school year at a rate of \$59,500 per each Speech/Language Pathologist and PRN Speech Therapy Services in addition to at a rate of \$40.00/hour, as submitted.
- H. Board approved the first reading of Policy #255 – Educational Stability for Children in Foster Care, as submitted.
- I. Board approved the January 6, 2017 early graduation date of Lamont Wade having successfully met all early graduation requirements.

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

Building and Grounds – Ms. Santoline, Chairperson

- J. **MOTION** made by Ms. James, seconded by Ms. Williams, to ratify the use of the gymnasium by the City of Clairton on Saturdays and Sundays *January 21 & January 22, February 18 & 19, March 18 & 19 and April 22 & 23, 2017* evenings from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. for recreational activities. It is understood that a school-sponsored activity may occur; the City of Clairton will be notified of the unavailability of the gym for that evening. City of Clairton is responsible for security of the premises during their assigned time, and participants are limited to the gym area. All fees have been waived. Mr. Bradford will be responsible for oversight.

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

- A. Board approved Resolution 01-17 pursuant to Section 311(d)(1) of Act 1 that the Clairton City School District will not raise the rate of any tax for 2017-18, by more than the adjusted Index of 3.9% calculated by PDE.

- B. Board approved the 2016 Real Estate tax refunds resulting from taxpayer assessment appeals, as submitted by Jordan Tax Service in the amount of \$19,636.13, as submitted.
- C. Board approved the exoneration of Jordan Tax Services, Current Real Estate Tax Collector, for the 2016 Uncollected Real Estate property taxes on 1,906 properties in the amount of \$910,585.41, as submitted.
- D. Board approved a Transportation Plan and MOU between Clairton City School District and Allegheny County, Office of Children, Youth and Families to comply with requirements of the Every Student Achieves Act (ESSA). The district designees to be involved in designing the Transportation Plan are Cassidy Pytash and Hamsini Rajgopal, as submitted.
- E. Board approved payment of \$1,500 to Willis Towers Watson for actuarial services rendered in the calculation of the Clairton City School District's OPEB liabilities as of June 30, 2016.
- F. Board approved Hamsini Rajgopal to attend the 62nd Annual Pennsylvania Association of School Business Officials (PASBO) Conference and Exhibits to be held Tuesday, March 21 through Friday, March 24, 2017 at David L. Lawrence Convention Center, Pittsburgh, PA. Conference registration fee to be paid from district funds.

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

Athletic Agenda

Athletic Committee – Mr. Bradford, Chairperson

- A. **MOTION** made by Ms. James, seconded by Ms. Santoline, to accept the resignation of Eddie McCorvey, Head Track Coach, effective January 6, 2017.

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

- B. **MOTION** made by Mr. Carra, seconded by Ms. Santoline, to approve HUDL for the Boys' and Girls' High School Basketball Teams.

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

XII. MOTION made by Ms. Roberts, seconded by Ms. Ruffing, at 7:48 p.m. to ADJOURN.

The Board adjourned to an Executive Session to discuss personnel issues.

Respectfully submitted:

Gayle S. Colonna
Secretary to the Board