

CLAIRTON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Directors
Legislative Meeting Minutes
October 26, 2016
7:00 p.m.

I. Call to Order – Richard P. Livingston, President of the Board of School Directors, called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

II. Roll Call

William Bradford	Absent <i>(Personal)</i>
Lawrence Carra	Present
Gloria James	Present
Richard Livingston	Present
Barbara Roberts	Present
Gloria Ruffing	Present
Kathy Santoline	Absent <i>(Personal)</i>
Roger Tachoir	Absent <i>(Personal)</i>
Jennifer Williams	Absent <i>(Personal)</i>

Board of Directors: 5 Present 4 Absent

III. Salute to the Flag

IV. Approval of the Minutes – September 27, 2016

MOTION made by Ms. Roberts, seconded by Mr. Carra, to approve the Minutes of the September 27, 2016 Legislative meeting.

Non-Roll Call Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays 4 Absent 0 Abstentions APPROVED

V. Presentations:

- The Board recognized Paul Ormsby, Maintenance Manager, for his efforts in receiving the Fields of Excellence award. The Fields of Excellence award program honors outstanding athletic fields and the hard-working field crews who maintain them. Faced with tightened budget and being asked to do more with less, the field crews exemplified team work and dedication. Clairton City School District's Neil C. Brown Stadium field was selected from 70 schools around the country as displaying a commitment to excellence. A banner was received from Pioneer Athletics and placed at the stadium.*

Mr. Livingston expressed appreciation to the field crew and staff for their countless hours of dedication and service.

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

VI. Reports

- A. Administration** – Dr. Hunt provided the Board with a printed article “Charter schools face state action in 2017” from the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette.com for their review. Dr. Hunt also briefed the Board on the alarm situation that occurred on Monday, October 24th.

At this time Mr. Livingston shared with the Board that the Charter School Bill has been stopped. It will not be passed at this time. Senator Brewster’s intentions are to add suggestions posed from presenters during the policy hearing held on October 13th.

- 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

VII. Citizens Comments – None

VIII. Treasurer’s Report – September 2016

MOTION made by Ms. Ruffing, seconded by Mr. Carra, to approve the Treasurer’s Report for the month of September 2016.

Non-Roll Call Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays 4 Absent 0 Abstentions APPROVED

IX. Payment of Bills – October 2016

MOTION made by Ms. Roberts, seconded by Ms. Ruffing, to approve the Payment of Bills for the month of September 2016.

Non-Roll Call Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays 4 Absent 0 Abstentions APPROVED

X. Old Business – None

*The Board went into an executive session at 7:21 p.m. to discuss personnel issues.
The meeting reconvened at 7:41 p.m.*

XI. New Business

Information Item: The Board of Directors has been cordially invited to attend the dedication of the *Performing Arts Center* at the Morning Star Baptist Church and Consecration of Church Mother, Sister Bertha Murray on Sunday, November 6, 2016 at 1:00 PM at 307 Shaw Avenue processional to 522 Third Street.

- A. **MOTION** made by Ms. Ruffing, seconded by Ms. Roberts, to approve to amend the agreement between the Clairton City School District and Gayle Colonna for the purpose of redirecting salary to district funds retroactive to July 1, 2016.

Non-Roll Call Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays 4 Absent 0 Abstentions APPROVED

- B. **MOTION** made by Mr. Carra, seconded by Ms. James, to approve to amend the agreement between the Clairton City School District and Hamsini Rajgopal for the purpose of a salary adjustment as agreed upon by the Board.

Non-Roll Call Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays 4 Absent 0 Abstentions APPROVED

- C. **MOTION** made by Ms. Roberts, seconded by Ms. James, to accept, the resignation of Diane Cook, paraprofessional effective November 4, 2016.

Non-Roll Call Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays 4 Absent 0 Abstentions APPROVED

- D. **MOTION** made by Ms. Roberts, seconded by Ms. James, to accept, with regret, her irrevocable resignation for purpose of retirement of Arla Hohman, Family and Independent Living Teacher, being granted the retirement benefit as specified under the terms of the CEA/District Early Retirement Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) effective January 1, 2017.

Roll Call:

Richard Livingston	Yes
Barbara Roberts	Yes
Gloria Ruffing	Yes
Kathy Santoline	Absent
Roger Tachoir	Absent
Jennifer Williams	Absent
William Bradford	Absent
Lawrence Carra	Yes
Gloria James	Yes

Roll Call Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays 4 Absent 0 Abstentions APPROVED

ON MOTION made by Ms. Roberts, seconded by Ms. James, the Board of Directors, by non-roll call vote, approved the following items designated E. through G.

- E. Board approved a disciplinary agreement made October 25, 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 Dr. Hunt to participate in a Superintendent Academy initiative along with 69 superintendents across the state engaging in a two-year intensive professional development experience focused on establishing systems to address the needs of students in poverty. Travel and Expenses to be paid by the District.
- G. Board approved the purchase of one drone from Blue Skies in the amount of \$1,399.00, as submitted.

Ms. James asked for clarification regarding the usage of the drone. Mr. Livingston addressed the question, stating its purpose is primarily for security and for filming of the football games.

Non-Roll Call Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays 4 Absent 0 Abstentions APPROVED

Administrative Agenda

Personnel Committee – Mr. Livingston, Chairperson

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

- A. Board approved to accept the resignation of Francis Picciotto, Secondary English Teacher, effective October 12, 2016.
- B. Board approved to accept the resignation of Valerie Koehler, Special Education Teacher, termination to become effective within sixty-days of written resignation as indicated in the PA School Code.
- C. Board approved to accept, with regret, her irrevocable resignation for purpose of retirement of Angela Cooper, Secondary Education Teacher/Testing Coordinator, being granted the retirement benefit as specified under the terms of the CEA/District Agreement, effective June 05, 2017.
- D. Board ratified Michelle Menozzi as a Special Education Teacher effective October 11, 2016 at Step 1 – Bachelor's in accordance with the terms of the agreement between the District and the Clairton Education Association (CEA).

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- E. Board ratified Amy Repko as a Special Education Teacher effective October 17, 2016 at Step 8 – Master’s+15 in accordance with the terms of the agreement between the District and the Clairton Education Association (CEA).
- F. Board ratified Michelle Menozzi as Homebound Instructor, effective October 17, 2016 for the remainder of the 2016/2017 school year at \$25.00 per hour.
- G. Board approved Kevin Weatherspoon as Alternate Homebound Instructor, effective immediately for the remainder of the 2016/2017 school year at \$25.00 per hour.
- H. Board action is requested to approve the updated Substitute Secretarial List for 2016/2017, as submitted.

Non-Roll Call Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays 4 Absent 0 Abstentions APPROVED

Curriculum Committee – Ms. James Chairperson

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

- I. Board approved Debra Maurizio and Erin Ferguson to attend the 49th Annual KSRA Conference (Literacy Changes Lives) on October 22-25, 2016 at Seven Springs Mountain Resort in Champion, PA. Conference registration and travel expenses to be paid by Title I funds.
- J. Board approved Debra Maurizio to attend the 2016 Principals Association State Conference (Courage to Lead) with (2) PIL Courses on October 29-November 1, 2016 at The Penn Stater Conference Center in Penn State, PA. Conference registration, PIL courses and travel expenses to be paid by Title I funds.
- K. Board approved Kristine Cant, Kristen Hecker, Sally Kunkel and Jennifer Schlata to attend Teacher Workshops at Pittcon Conference and Expo (Bringing Science to Life) on October 22 and 23, 2016 at David Lawrence Convention Center in Pittsburgh, PA. Conference registration and travel expenses to be paid by Title I funds.
- L. Board approved the Program Placement Agreement between Clairton City School District and Phase 4 Learning Center, Inc., for delivery of an Alternative Education for Disruptive Youth Program providing educational and counseling services, as submitted.

Non-Roll Call Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays 4 Absent 0 Abstentions APPROVED

Business Administrator's Agenda

Finance Committee – Richard Livingston, President

ON MOTION made by Ms. Ruffing, seconded by Mr. Carra, the Board of Directors, by non-roll call vote, approved the following items designated A. and B.

- A. Board approved an agreement in the amount of \$2,295.00 with ACA Tax Track for licensing fees to file 1094/1095 to comply with requirements pertaining to the Affordable Care Act (ACA) for 2016 tax filing, as submitted.
- B. Board approved an agreement with Parcel No: 764-B-038; Parcel No: 657-K-108 and Parcel No: 657-K-182, as submitted.

Non-Roll Call Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays 4 Absent 0 Abstentions APPROVED

Athletic Agenda

Athletic Committee – Richard Livingston, President

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

- A. Board ratified the resignation, of Capri Thompson as Equipment Manager, effective October 3, 2016.
- B. Board approved Thomas McCloskey and Michael Linnert to attend the WPIAL Sportsmanship Summit, held at the Heinz Center, on November 10, 2016. Six students will attend summit. Transportation to be provided by the district. The students are as follows:

Justin Davenport	Kayauna Howard
Nadia Davis	Travis Irons
Koytt Hall	Anthony Rice

- C. Board approved students in grades 7th and 8th to participate in a Boy's Metro US Sports League for the 2016/2017 winter basketball season, as submitted. Scheduling to be coordinated with the Athletic Director.

Non-Roll Call Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays 4 Absent 0 Abstentions APPROVED

XII. MOTION made by Ms. Ruffing, seconded by Ms. James, at 7:50 p.m. to ADJOURN.

Respectfully submitted:

Gayle S. Colonna
Secretary to the Board