

**CLAIRTON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Board of Directors

Legislative Meeting Minutes

November 25, 2014

7:00 p.m.

**I. Call to Order** – Richard P. Livingston, President of the Board of School Directors, called the meeting to order at 7:16 p.m.

**II. Roll Call**

Paulette Bradford	Absent (Personal)
Lawrence Carra	Present
Gloria James	Present
Richard Livingston	Present
Barbara Roberts	Present
Gloria Ruffing	Present
Roger Tachoir	Absent (Personal)
Kathy Santoline	Present
Jennifer Williams	Absent (Personal)

Board of Directors:      6 Present              3 Absent

**III. Salute to the Flag**

**IV. Approval of the Minutes – October 29, 2014**

**MOTION** made by Ms. Ruffing, seconded by Ms. Roberts to approve the Minutes of the October 29, 2014 meeting.

**Non-Roll Call Vote:   6 Ayes      0 Nays      3 Absent      0 Abstention      APPROVED**

**V. Presentation:** Ms. Shauna D’Alessandro, PSBA Regional Director, presented Clairton City School District with a set of books entitled *Alienated American: A Biography of William Howard Day*. These books were awarded to Ms. D’Alessandro during the Annual PA Public Education Foundation Conference. It was the hope of Ms. D’Alessandro that Clairton would place this book set in the School District Library as a resource during Black History Month. Ms. James, Curriculum Chairperson, accepted the set of books on behalf of the Board of Directors.

**VI. Reports**

**A. Administration** – No Report

- B. Solicitor's Report** – Mr. Andrew Evankovich addressed the Board regarding the district's responsibilities and obligations due before January 1, 2015 under the "Affordable Care Act". The Solicitor stated the firm would prepare a Resolution.

Discussion ensued by the Board. Mr. Livingston suggested expanding the Annual Reorganization Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> to include a Special Legislative Session for the purpose of taking official action on business that may come before the board. The Board concurred and directed to advertise for Public Notice.

**C. Board Committees:**

- a) **Personnel** – No Report
- b) **Building & Grounds** – No Report
- c) **Technology/Curriculum** - No Report
- d) **Property Assessment** – Mr. Livingston brought before the Board a request from the City Manager concerning a Resolution to extend the deadline on taxes. It was the recommendation of the Solicitor to report back to the City Manager that legally the Board cannot change the laws and to wait for the order from Judge Cohill and re-visit at a future Legislative meeting.
- e) **Athletics** – No Report

**VII. Citizens Comments** - No Citizens Comments

**VIII. Treasurer's Report – October, 2014**

**MOTION** made by Ms. Roberts, seconded by Ms. James, to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of October 2014.

**Non-Roll Call Vote: 6 Ayes 0 Nays 3 Absent 0 Abstentions APPROVED**

**IX. Payment of Bills – October, 2014**

**MOTION** made by Mr. Livingston, seconded by Ms. Roberts, to approve the Payment of Bills for the month of October, 2014.

**Non-Roll Call Vote: 6 Ayes 0 Nays 3 Absent 0 Abstentions APPROVED**

**X. Old Business** – No Old Business

Comments: Mr. Livingston made note of his appreciation to the following persons: Mr. James Cerqua, for his monetary contribution to help pay for students to attend Heinz Field; an Anonymous Donor of \$250, to feed the team on Friday; City Mayor and City Council for the provision of busses to Heinz Field for fans; and to Representative Marc Gergely and Senator Jim Brewster for securing Box Seats for the Board of Directors and Administration.

**XI. New Business –**

- A. **MOTION** made by Ms. Roberts, seconded by Ms. Santoline, to approve KC Benefit Services, Inc. to offer District employees voluntary benefit plans, such as accident, cancer, hospital and permanent life insurance, on a guaranteed basis and the college tuition benefit for employees.

**Non-Roll Call Vote: 6 Ayes 0 Nays 3 Absent 0 Abstentions APPROVED**

**Administrative Agenda**

Personnel Committee – Mr. Livingston, Co-Chairperson

- A. **MOTION** made by Ms. Ruffing, seconded by Mr. Carra, to ratify the employment of Emily Denman, Special Education Teacher, effective November 24, 2014 at Step 1 – Bachelors in accordance with the terms of the agreement between the District and the Clairton Education Association (CEA).

**Non-Roll Call Vote: 6 Ayes 0 Nays 3 Absent 0 Abstentions APPROVED**

- B. **MOTION** made by Ms. James, seconded by Ms. Roberts, to approve Lori Benack as Senior Class Sponsor for the remainder of the 2014/2015 school year in accordance with the terms of the agreement between the District and the Clairton Education Association (CEA).

**Non-Roll Call Vote: 6 Ayes 0 Nays 3 Absent 0 Abstentions APPROVED**

- C. **MOTION** made by Ms. Roberts, seconded by Ms. James, to approve the attached Settlement Agreement to resolve the due process complaint filed Docket No. 13-01465-MPK.

Roll Call:

Kathy Santoline	Yes
Jennifer Williams	Absent
Paulette Bradford	Absent
Lawrence Carra	Yes
Gloria James	Yes
Richard Livingston	Yes
Barbara Roberts	Yes

Gloria Ruffing	Yes
Roger Tachoir	Absent

**Roll Call Vote: 6 Ayes 0 Nays 3 Absent 0 Abstentions APPROVED**

Curriculum Committee – Ms. James. Chairperson

D. **MOTION** made by Ms. Roberts, seconded by Mr. Carra, to approve Debra Maurizio to attend the SAS Institute – Priority and Focus Schools Leadership Academy, held December 10, 2014 at Hershey Lodge and Convention Center. Travel expenses to be paid by the Title I - MS/HS Intervention Grant.

**Non-Roll Call Vote: 6 Ayes 0 Nays 3 Absent 0 Abstentions APPROVED**

E. **MOTION** made by Ms. Santoline, seconded by Ms. Roberts, to approve a change in the District calendar reflecting an adjustment of the Delayed Opening/Professional Development Day on December 12, 2014 to Wednesday, December 17, 2014, as amended.

**Non-Roll Call Vote: 6 Ayes 0 Nays 3 Absent 0 Abstentions APPROVED**

**Business Administrator's Agenda**

Business Administrator - Mr. Lanna

A. **MOTION** made by Mr. Livingston, seconded by Ms. Ruffing, to approve the renewal of the contract with PA Coach Lines for the provision of the District transportation services for the period of July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2019, per the enclosure.

**Non-Roll Call Vote: 6 Ayes 0 Nays 3 Absent 0 Abstentions APPROVED**

B. **MOTION** made by Ms. Santoline, seconded by Mr. Carra, to authorize the Clairton City School District to participate in a Joint Purchasing Board with other school districts in the Allegheny Intermediate Unit for bulk purchasing of school supplies and authorizing the proper officers of the Board to execute the Joint Purchasing Agreement and naming Hamsini Rajgopal as its regular member and Lori Benack as the alternate member.

**Non-Roll Call Vote: 6 Ayes 0 Nays 3 Absent 0 Abstentions APPROVED**

- C. **MOTION** made by Ms. Santoline, seconded by Ms. Roberts, to accept the renewal proposal, dated November 13, 2014, from Barnett Insurance Inc., for the District's Commercial Crime Policy insurance coverage effective December 7, 2014, at the annual cost of \$1,530. This premium is unchanged from the current year.

**Non-Roll Call Vote: 6 Ayes 0 Nays 3 Absent 0 Abstentions APPROVED**

- D. **MOTION** made by Ms. Ruffing, seconded by Ms. Roberts to approve the typewriter maintenance agreement with Homestead Business Machines for the period of January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015 at a cost of \$528.

**Non-Roll Call Vote: 6 Ayes 0 Nays 3 Absent 0 Abstentions APPROVED**

- E. **MOTION** made by Ms. Roberts, seconded by Ms. Santoline, to accept the proposal from Nickolich Sanitation, LLC., for the District's refuse/waste removal, effective December 1, 2014 for a term of one year at the current price of \$950.00 per month.

**Non-Roll Call Vote: 6 Ayes 0 Nays 3 Absent 0 Abstentions APPROVED**

### **Athletic Agenda**

#### **Athletic Committee – Mr. Livingston, 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 D.

- A. Board approved Kammie Gori as Varsity Girls Basketball Statistician for the 2014/2015 school year in accordance with the terms of the agreement between the District and the Clairton Education Association (CEA). *(Pending Clearances)*
- B. Board approved students Kenyahna Jamison and Cheyenne Gallaway as managers for Girls Varsity Basketball for the 2014/2015 school year.
- C. Board approved Collette Williams as a Volunteer Cheerleading Coach for the 2014/2015 school year. *(Pending Clearances)*
- D. Board approved the Varsity Girls Basketball Team to attend the University of Pittsburgh Panthers vs. Michigan Wolverines Women's Basketball Game, on November 20, 2014. The game will tip-off at 7:00pm. Transportation to be provided by the district.

**Non-Roll Call Vote: 6 Ayes 0 Nays 3 Absent 0 Abstentions APPROVED**

E. **MOTION** made by Ms. Ruffing, seconded by Ms. Roberts, to approve 7 Coaches, 15 Players and Athletic Director to attend the All-Conference Banquet at the Allegheny Valley Volunteer Fire Hall, Springdale on Sunday, November 23, 2014 at a cost of \$20.00 per participant. Parents/Guardians will pay their own fees. Transportation to be provided by the district.

**Non-Roll Call Vote: 6 Ayes 0 Nays 3 Absent 0 Abstentions APPROVED**

**XI. MOTION** made by Ms. Ruffing, seconded by Mr. Carra, at **8:00 p.m.** to **ADJOURN.**

Respectfully submitted:

Gayle S. Colonna  
Secretary to the Board