

CLAIRTON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Directors
Legislative Meeting Minutes
August 27, 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 7:01 p.m.

II. Salute to the Flag

III. Roll Call

Paulette Bradford	Present
Robert Harrigan	Present
Gloria James	Present
Richard Livingston	Present
Barbara Roberts	Present
Gloria Ruffing	Present
Roger Tachoir	Present
Kathy Santoline	Present
Jennifer Williams	Present

Board of Directors: 9 Present 0 Absent

The Board went into an Executive Session to discuss personnel matters at 7:04 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 7:21 p.m.

IV. Approval of the Minutes – June 19, 2014 and Special Meeting June 30, 2014

MOTION made by Ms. Bradford, seconded by Ms. Ruffing to approve the Minutes of the June 19, 2014 and Special Meeting June 30, 2014.

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

Comment: Mr. Harrigan cited his absence from the June 19, 2014 Legislative Meeting as reason for abstention.

V. Presentations:

None

VI. Reports

A. Administration – Dr. Hunt commented on the start of the school year, noting the enrollment was slightly lower than the previous year and through observation that the first day ran smoothly. Dr. Hunt also brought to the boards' attention a new program "Clairton Achieves" which will provide extra support to student's after-school as a district-wide effort to increase student achievement/engagement.
Mr. Livingston commented positively on the traffic patterns at the entrances, as everything seemed to flow without delay.

B. Solicitor's Report – No Report

C. Board Committees

a) **Personnel** – Met July 17th

A special meeting of the board was held on July 30th to discuss personnel.

b) **Building & Grounds** – Met August 18th

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

d) **Property Assessment** – No Report

VII. Citizens Comments - No Citizens Comments

VIII. Treasurer's Reports – June and July, 2014

MOTION made by Ms. Roberts, seconded by Ms. James, to approve the Treasurer's Reports for the months of June and July 2014.

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

IX. Payment of Bills – July and August, 2014

MOTION made by Mr. Livingston, seconded by Ms. Roberts, to approve the Payment of Bills for the months of July and August, 2014.

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

X. Old Business – No Old Business

XI. New Business –

MOTION made by Ms. Santoline, seconded by Mr. Harrigan, to approve the first reading of Policy #810.2, Transportation - Audio Recording on School Buses, as submitted.

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

MOTION made by Ms. Ruffing, seconded by Ms. Santoline, to approve the district participation on September 4, 2014 by “Going Orange” on National Go Orange Day, as submitted.

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

Administrative Agenda

Personnel Committee – Mrs. Bradford, Co-Chairperson

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

- A. The Board approved the acceptance of the resignation of Michael Henninger, Secondary Mathematics teacher, effective July 18, 2014.
- B. The Board approved the acceptance of the resignation of Devon Irwin, Elementary Art Teacher, effective July 30, 2014.
- C. The Board approved the acceptance of the resignation of William Barch, Secondary Biology Teacher, effective August 6, 2014.
- D. The Board approved the acceptance of the resignation of Kathleen Kearney, Special Education teacher, effective August 8, 2014.
- E. The Board approved the acceptance of the resignation of Chantelle Jennings, Paraprofessional, effective August 8, 2014.
- F. The Board approved the acceptance of the resignation of Jaclyn Sauer, Special Education Teacher, effective August 11, 2014.
- G. The Board approved the acceptance of the resignation of Brian Davis, Middle School Science Teacher, effective August 11, 2014.

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

H. **MOTION** made by Ms. Roberts, seconded by Ms. Santoline to ratify the employment of, Hamsini Rajgopal, as Business Administrator in accordance with the terms and conditions of the contract executed between Hamsini Rajgopal and the District effective August 11, 2014, as submitted.

Roll Call:

Paulette Bradford	Yes
Robert Harrigan	Abstained
Gloria James	Yes

Richard Livingston	Yes
Barbara Roberts	Yes
Gloria Ruffing	Yes
Roger Tachoir	Yes
Kathy Santoline	Yes
Jennifer Williams	Yes

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

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

I. The Board approved the employment of Casey Regina as Secondary Mathematics Teacher, effective August 15, 2014 at Step 1 – Bachelors in accordance with the terms of the agreement between the District and the Clairton Education Association (CEA). *(Pending Clearances)*

J. The Board approved the employment of Rebecca Pecora as Library/Media Specialist, effective August 15, 2014 at Step 1 – Bachelors in accordance with the terms of the agreement between the District and the Clairton Education Association (CEA).

K. The Board approved the employment of Christian Sirnic as Secondary Biology teacher, effective August 15, 2014 at Step 1 – Bachelors in accordance with the terms of the agreement between the District and the Clairton Education Association (CEA).

L. The Board approved the employment of Heather Cusick as Special Education Teacher, effective August 15, 2014 at Step 1 – Masters in accordance with the terms of the agreement between the District and the Clairton Education Association (CEA). *(Pending Clearances)*

M. The Board approved the employment of Stacy Killian as Special Education Teacher, effective August 15, 2014 at Step 1 – Masters+30 in accordance with the terms of the agreement between the District and the Clairton Education Association (CEA).

N. The Board approved the employment of Darlene Clifford as Paraprofessional, effective August 15, 2014 in accordance with the terms of the agreement between the District and the Clairton Education Support Professionals (CESP). *(Pending Clearances)*

O. The Board approved the employment of Charles Martin as Paraprofessional, effective August 15, 2014 in accordance with the terms of the agreement between the District and the Clairton Education Support Professionals (CESP). *(Pending Clearances)*

P. The Board approved the employment of Nicole Holtz as a 180-day Substitute Teacher, effective August 18, 2014 for the 2014/2015 school year at a daily rate of \$105.00/day, single benefits in accordance with the terms of the agreement between the District and the Clairton Education Association (CEA).

Q. The Board approved the employment of Emily Denman as a Day-to-Day Special Education Sub, effective August 20, 2014, in the absence of Amy Bittner-Florko.

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 R. through V.

R. The Board approved the employment of Floyd Cooper as School Van Driver, in accordance with the terms of the employment agreement between Mr. Cooper and the District commencing August 28, 2014 as per contract, *as submitted*.

S. The Board approved the employment of Dan Moore as Band Manager, effective immediately, in accordance with the terms of the agreement between the District and the Clairton Education Association (CEA). (*Pending Clearances*)

T. The Board approved Patti Livingston as a volunteer once-a-week in the Sixth Grade Reading classroom for the 2014-2015 school year.

U. The Board approved Lexi McLeod for the Foster Grandma Program beginning September for the 2014-2015 school year.

V. The Board approved the individuals listed on the 2014/2015 Day-to-Day Substitute Employee List as submitted.

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

Curriculum Committee – Ms. James. Chairperson

W. **MOTION** made by Ms. Bradford, seconded by Ms. Roberts, to approve the Clairton Varsity Cheerleaders and 3 chaperones to attend Heinz Field – School Spirit day on Tuesday, July 15. Transportation to be provided by the district.

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

X. **MOTION** made by Ms. Roberts, seconded by Ms. Santoline, to approve a first reading of the following Board Policies based on Chapter 4 Regulations for Academic Standards and Assessments:

- a. Board Policy #213, Assessment of Student Progress
- b. Board Policy #217, Graduation
- c. Board Policy#217, Graduation Attachment

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

Y. **MOTION** made by Ms. Roberts, seconded by Ms. Ruffing, to approve the second reading of Policy #800, Electronic Signatures, as submitted.

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

ON MOTION made by Ms. Roberts, seconded by Ms. Williams, the Board of Directors, by non-roll call vote, approved the following items designated Z. through Hh.

Z. The Board approved to enter into an agreement with AIU #3 Non-Public Schools Program to provide mandated Title I services at Mon Yough Catholic School, St. Agnes School, St. Elizabeth School, Serra Catholic High School, Wilson Christian Academy at a cost of \$24,004 for (34) Clairton students to be paid from Title I Funds 2014-2015.

Aa. The Board approved to enter into an agreement with ACHIEVA Support to provide school-to-work transition services for two (2) Clairton Special Education Students commencing on August 22, 2014 and will continue through June 5, 2015. The total contract amount for each individual student should not exceed \$12,750.00 for all services rendered to be paid from district funds.

Bb. The Board approved Debra Maurizio, Andrea Baker, Cheryl Bowser, Brian Davis, Kristan Ferguson, Eddie McCorvey, Tracy Parsons, Carl Schmidt and Renee Worst to attend The Consortium for Public Education's, "The Institute for Meaningful Learning" - Professional Development Course to be held at the DoubleTree Hotel in Monroeville, PA. The first course will be held on September 30, 2014, March 10, 2015 and June 16, 2015 at cost of \$1,800.00 to be paid from District funds.

Cc. The Board approved an agreement between Solution Tree, Inc. and the District to provide Professional Development and Site-Based Training to staff on November 10, 2014 at a cost of \$7,100 to be paid from Title I School Improvement Funds 2012-2013.

Dd. The Board approved the 2014-2015 Textbook List as submitted.

Ed. The Board approved the purchase of a new literature series in order to align the district curriculum with Pennsylvania Core English Language Arts Standards. Students in grades 6-12 will have access to the Online Interactive Edition of Collections, by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, for 6 years in addition to a 6-year print subscription to the Close Reader. The total cost including hardback student editions, teacher resources, and professional development is \$45,869.86 to be paid by District Funds.

Ff. The Board approved to enter into the pilot of a new literature series in order to align the district curriculum in grade 5 with the Pennsylvania Core English Language Arts Standards. Students will have access to the Online Interactive Edition of *Journeys*, by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt for 1 year. The teacher will have a classroom set of textbooks and materials, hard copies of all teacher resources, as well as online access. There is no cost to the district, but the materials must be returned in good condition if the decision is made to not purchase the piloted resources.

Gg. The Board approved the purchase of an initial textbook for the Advanced Placement (AP) Comparative Government and Politics course. Students will be using Pearson Learning's, *Comparative Politics Today: A World View, 11th edition*, at cost of \$4,692.00.

Hh. The Board approved the purchase of a new social studies series in order to align the district curriculum with Pennsylvania Academic Standards for History. Students in grades 7 and 8 will be using textbooks from McGraw Hill Education. Grade 8 will be using *Discovering Our Past: A History of the U.S. Early Years* and Grade 7 will be using *Discovering Our Past: A History of the World: Early Ages*, at a cost of \$6,699.42 to be paid by District Funds.

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

Business Administrator's Agenda

Business Administrator - Mr. Lanna

A. **MOTION** made by Mr. Livingston, seconded by Ms. Roberts, to approve the following individuals as Pennsylvania Coach Lines bus drivers and monitors:

Drivers

Bruce Ackerman
Zachery Bair
Raymond Begey
Ramone Bey
Summuyah Boose
Clara Colclaser

Drivers

Tabatha Rex
Anthony Salvador
Sally Sheaffer
Bebe Slinski
Cathy Starr
William Wetzler

Monitors

Emma Jean Snyder
Sally A. Harn
Janice E. Gaither
Joanne Marie Coll

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

B. **MOTION** made by Ms. Ruffing, seconded by Ms. Roberts, to accept the Release and Settlement with the Clairton Municipal Authority and Employers Mutual Casualty Company in the amount of \$15,000 for reimbursement for flood damage as presented by the Solicitor.

Roll Call:

Jennifer Williams	Yes
Paulette Bradford	Yes
Robert Harrigan	Yes
Gloria James	Yes
Richard Livingston	Yes
Barbara Roberts	Yes
Gloria Ruffing	Yes
Roger Tachoir	Yes
Kathy Santoline	Yes

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

- C. **MOTION** made by Ms. Roberts, seconded by Ms. James, to approve the purchase of a 2014 GMC 9 Passenger Van (Student passenger) from Wolfington Body Company, under the Pennsylvania COSTARS 26-019 program, per quote dated July 18, 2014, at a net COSTARS price to the District of \$35,686.00.

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

- D. **MOTION** made by Ms. Santoline, seconded by Ms. Ruffing, to approve the Clairton Ambulance Service to provide emergency medical service for all varsity home football games at a rate of \$100 per game.

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

- E. **MOTION** made by Ms. Roberts, seconded by Ms. Santoline, to grant permission to Geokinetics USA, Inc. to conduct a seismograph survey, including the right to ingress and egress, on District property, per the enclosure, as submitted.

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

Athletic Agenda

Athletic Committee – Mrs. Bradford, Chairperson

- A. **MOTION** made by Ms. Roberts, seconded by Ms. Santoline, to approve the following individuals as Ticket Takers and Ticket Sellers for the Home Varsity Football and Basketball games in accordance with the terms of the agreement between the District

and the Clairton Education Association (CEA).

Lori Benack	Danette Thompson
Lisa Bisogni	Alexis Trubiani
Stacy Killian	Yolanda Wade
Kevin Manko	Jawanna Warren
Leiah Ogletree	

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

B. **MOTION** made by Ms. Ruffing, seconded by Ms. Williams, to approve Christian Sirnic for the position of 7th & 8th Grade Middle School Girls Basketball 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

C. **MOTION** made by Mr. Harrigan, seconded by Ms. Roberts, to approve the following: individuals as managers for the Varsity Football team for the 2014 season, following the same rules and regulations that apply to the football players:

Khori Fusco	Deonte Reddick
Samel Gallaway	Wayne Wade III
Jaden McDougald	

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

D. **MOTION** made by Mr. Livingston, seconded by Ms. Ruffing, to grant permission to the Clairton Little League Football Association to set up tables to sell raffle tickets for a Pitt game shirt inside the gate of the High School home football games as a fundraiser for the Midget program.

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

XI. **MOTION** made by Ms. Bradford, seconded by Ms. Ruffing, at **7:45 p.m.** to **ADJOURN.**

Respectfully submitted,

Gayle S. Colonna
Secretary to the Board