

CLAIRTON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Directors
Legislative Meeting Minutes
February 26, 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 7:10 p.m.

II. Salute to the Flag

III. Roll Call

Paulette Bradford	Present
Robert Harrigan	Absent - Working
Gloria James	Present
Richard Livingston	Present
Barbara Roberts	Present
Gloria Ruffing	Present
Roger Tachoir	Absent - Vacation
Jennifer Williams	Present

Board of Directors: 7 Present 2 Absent

IV. Approval of the Minutes – January 22, 2014

MOTION made by Ms. Roberts, seconded by Ms. Bradford to approve the Minutes of the January 22, 2014 meeting.

Non-Roll Call Vote: 7 Ayes 0 Nays 2 Absent 0 Abstentions APPROVED

V. Presentations:

- A. Steel Center Students, Joe McLachlan and Dani Moore, were recognized for their accomplishments at Steel Center. Mr. McLachlan received “Top of the Shop” honors and Ms. Moore was awarded an “Extra Effort” certificate.

- B. Dr. Paula Purness and Ms. Mary Dodaro presented an overview of a gardening project that will be implemented by staff and students from the CASTLE program. The program will be funded by a grant, and will be used as a teaching and learning tool in the area of science. The garden will be planted in the area between the fence and gazebo to the right of the middle/high school entrance.

MOTION made by Mr. Livingston, seconded by Ms. Williams to designate the area between the fence and gazebo to the right of the middle/high school entrance to be used as raised gardens as a part of the CASTLE/Sense of Place Learning program in partnership with GROW Pittsburgh. Gardens will be planted and maintained by students as a part of the environmental science and ecology curriculum. Funding will be provided by a grant.

Non-Roll Call Vote: 7 Ayes 0 Nays 2 Absent 0 Abstentions APPROVED

VI. Reports

A. Administration – No report

B. Solicitor's Report - No report

C. Building & Grounds – Mr. Lanna informed the Board of issues with the ceilings in 19 of the classrooms in the CEC. Previous damage to the roof has resulted in peeling paint and deteriorated ceiling tiles. An estimate to repair the damage was \$37,000.00, and the solicitor suggested that this repair work go out for bid.

MOTION made by Ms. Bradford, seconded by Ms. Ruffing to authorize administration to solicit RFP's for repairs to the ceilings in classrooms of the Clairton Education Center. Funding for this project would be provided by the PNC Capital Loan.

Non-Roll Call Vote: 7 Ayes 0 Nays 2 Absent 0 Abstentions APPROVED

D. Athletics – Ms. Bradford reported that the Boys Varsity Basketball Team advanced to the second round of playoffs before being defeated.

Ms. Bradford notified the Board that interviews had been conducted by the Athletic Committee on Tuesday, February 25 to staff coaching positions; and the Personnel Committee on Wednesday, February 26 to interview candidates for the positions of Special Education Supervisor and Special Education Teacher.

VII. Citizens Comments - No Citizens Comments

VIII. Treasurer's Reports – December 2013 and January 2014

MOTION made by Ms. Roberts, seconded by Ms. James to approve the December 2013 and January 2014 Treasurer's Reports as submitted.

Non-Roll Call Vote: 7 Ayes 0 Nays 2 Absent 0 Abstentions APPROVED

IX. Payment of Bills – February 2014

MOTION made by Ms. Bradford, seconded by Ms. Roberts, to approve the Payment of Bills for the month of February 2014.

Non-Roll Call Vote: 7 Ayes 0 Nays 2 Absent 0 Abstentions APPROVED

X. Old Business - Ms. Bradford reminded the Board of the upcoming “Minor Pro Football Hall of Fame” induction ceremony and luncheon on April 26, 2014.

Additionally, there will be a reception on Saturday, March 1, 2014 to honor “Living Legends” of the City of Clairton.

IX. New Business - Mr. Livingston conducted a voice vote for the Board’s choice for a delegate to the Allegheny County Health Consortium. The Board cast their collective vote for Ms. Marianne Neel, a school director from West Jefferson Hills School District.

Mr. Lanna informed the Board that the District has received a complaint from the Rite-Aid Store located on St. Clair Avenue regarding the bus stop for Propel students located in their parking lot. Rite-Aid manager has requested that this bus stop be relocated citing an increase in shop lifting and the general rowdiness and bad behavior of students. He requested that relocation occur no later than March 15 2014. Mr. Lanna is exploring alternate locations for the bus stop.

Administrative Agenda

Personnel Committee – Mrs. Bradford, Co-Chairperson

A. **MOTION** made by Ms. James, seconded by Ms. Roberts to approve Family Medical Leave to Jennifer Wardropper on an “as-needed” basis for the remainder of the second semester.

Non-Roll Call Vote: 7 Ayes 0 Nays 2 Absent 0 Abstentions APPROVED

B. **MOTION** made by Ms. Santoline, seconded by Ms. Roberts to renew the contract with Crossroads Speech & Hearing, Inc. to provide a full-time Speech/Language Pathologist for the 2014/2015 school year at a cost of \$59,500.00 per year. This fee remains unchanged.

Non-Roll Call Vote: 7 Ayes 0 Nays 2 Absent 0 Abstentions APPROVED

- C. **MOTION** made by Ms. Williams, seconded by Ms. Ruffing to approve the employment of Crystal Vogtsberger as Special Education Supervisor in accordance with the terms and conditions of the agreement between the District and Act 93 personnel at a beginning salary of \$67,000.00 effective May 24, 2014.

Roll Call

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

Roll Call Vote: 7 Ayes 0 Nays 2 Absent 0 Abstentions APPROVED

- D. **MOTION** made by Ms. James, seconded by Ms. Roberts to approve the employment of Ms. Jaclyn Sauer as a Special Education Teacher in accordance with the terms and conditions of the agreement between the District and the Clairton Education Association at Bachelors – Step 1 (yr. 2) effective March 17, 2014.

Roll Call

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

Roll Call Vote: 7 Ayes 0 Nays 2 Absent 0 Abstentions APPROVED

- E. **MOTION** made by Ms. Roberts, seconded by Ms. Ruffing to grant a stipend of \$5,000.00 to Kim Koebler, School Psychologist, as remuneration for acting as the Special Education Supervisor for the first semester of the 2013/2014 school year.

Non-Roll Call Vote: 7 Ayes 0 Nays 2 Absent 0 Abstentions APPROVED

F. **MOTION** made by Ms. Ruffing, seconded by Ms. Santoline to approve Dr. Ginny Hunt and Debra Maurizio to attend the 45th Annual PAFPC Conference at the Seven Springs Mountain Resort, Champion, PA to be held April 27 – 30, 2014. All expenses are to be paid from Title I Funds.

Non-Roll Call Vote: 7 Ayes 0 Nays 2 Absent 0 Abstentions APPROVED

G. **MOTION** made by Ms. Ruffing, seconded by Ms. Santoline to approve Dr. Ginny Hunt, Debra Maurizio, Cheryl Englert, Jared Englert, Linda Withrow and Renee Worst to attend “The Reading & Writing Project - 86th Saturday Reunion” at the Teachers College, New York, NY to be held March 22, 2014. No registration fees, but transportation reimbursement is requested from the District. Associated travel expenses such as hotels and meals will be paid by each individual attending.

Non-Roll Call Vote: 7 Ayes 0 Nays 2 Absent 0 Abstentions APPROVED

H. **MOTION** made by Ms. James, seconded by Ms. Williams to approve Carol Gelet, Kim Koebler, Cassidy Yeager, and Danette Thompson to attend a seminar entitled “Reasoning with Unreasonable People” at the Greensburg Country Club on Friday, March 14, 2014. Registration fee of \$74.00 per person and travel expenses are to be paid by the District.

Non-Roll Call Vote: 7 Ayes 0 Nays 2 Absent 0 Abstentions APPROVED

Curriculum Committee – Ms. James. Chairperson

I. **MOTION** made by Mr. Livingston, seconded by Ms. Ruffing to approve a change in the District Calendar to reflect snow days and make-up days submitted for approval to PDE.

Snow Day	Make-up Day	Information
January 7, 2014	April 16, 2014	Previously first day of spring break
January 28, 2014	February 17, 2014	President’s Day changed to school day
February 3, 2014	March 7, 2014	Changed from in-service day to school day
March 7, 2014 (In-Service Day)	April 23, 2014	Previously last day of spring break is now an in-service day

Non-Roll Call Vote: 7 Ayes 0 Nays 2 Absent 0 Abstentions APPROVED

J. **MOTION** made by Ms. Bradford, seconded by Ms. Roberts to approve the revised Policy #334, Administrative Employees, Sick Leave and #434, Professional Employees, Sick Leave.

Non-Roll Call Vote: 7 Ayes 0 Nays 2 Absent 0 Abstentions APPROVED

Building and Grounds Committee – Mr. Livingston, Chairperson

- K. **MOTION** made by Ms. Williams, seconded by Ms. Santoline to ratify the use of the Gymnasium on Saturdays beginning February 22 through May 10, 2014 during the hours of 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for a Winter Basketball Program for boy in Grades 3–6. (Exceptions – April 5th and 26th). Bill and Paulette Bradford are responsible for this program.

Non-Roll Call Vote: 7 Ayes 0 Nays 2 Absent 0 Abstentions APPROVED

- L. **MOTION** made by Ms. Bradford, seconded by Ms. Roberts to ratify the use of the Gymnasium on Mondays and Wednesdays *tentatively* beginning February 24 through April 2, 2014 during the hours of 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. by St. George Lodge #248 for basketball practice leading up to their tournament beginning April 4, 2014. Lucille Herndon is responsible for this program.

Non-Roll Call Vote: 7 Ayes 0 Nays 2 Absent 0 Abstentions APPROVED

Business Administrator's AgendaBusiness Administrator - Mr. Lanna

- A. **MOTION** made by Ms. James, seconded by Ms. Ruffing to authorize the Clairton City School District to continue participation in the Western Pennsylvania Electric and Natural Gas Consortiums for the purchase of electricity and natural gas for up to a three year term. The Agreement for electricity will commence after the final meter read date on January 2015 and the agreement for natural gas will commence after the final meter read date in August 2015.

Non-Roll Call Vote: 7 Ayes 0 Nays 2 Absent 0 Abstentions APPROVED

- B. **MOTION** made by Ms. Bradford, seconded by Ms. Roberts to ratify Charles Lanna to attend PASBO's course, "Commonwealth Budget Seminar", on February 19, 2014, in Mars, Pa. at a cost of \$75.00 plus mileage paid from District funds.

Non-Roll Call Vote: 7 Ayes 0 Nays 2 Absent 0 Abstentions APPROVED

- C. **MOTION** made by Ms. Roberts, seconded by Ms. Ruffing to approve Resolution 03-14 authorizing the assessment of interim real estate property taxes for new construction or major improvements to properties located within the District.

Non-Roll Call Vote: 7 Ayes 0 Nays 2 Absent 0 Abstentions APPROVED

Athletic Agenda

- A. **MOTION** made by Ms. Williams, seconded by Ms. James to accept, with regret, the resignation of Mr. Tom Nola as Head Varsity Football Coach effective immediately.

Non-Roll Call Vote: 7 Ayes 0 Nays 2 Absent 0 Abstentions APPROVED

- B. **MOTION** made by Ms. Roberts, seconded by Ms. Santoline to approve Edward Ulmer as the Head Baseball Coach for the 2014 Baseball Season at a stipend of \$3,470.70, and in accordance with the terms of the CEA/District Agreement, Article #27, Extra-curricular Activities/Athletics.

Non-Roll Call Vote: 7 Ayes 0 Nays 2 Absent 0 Abstentions APPROVED

- C. **MOTION** made by Ms. James, seconded by Ms. Roberts to approve Tony Spicuzza as the Assistant Baseball Coach for the 2014 Baseball Season at a stipend of \$1,304.78, and in accordance with the terms of the CEA/District Agreement, Article #27, Extra-curricular Activities/Athletics.

Non-Roll Call Vote: 7 Ayes 0 Nays 2 Absent 0 Abstentions APPROVED

- D. **MOTION** made by Ms. Santoline, seconded by Ms. Ruffing to approve Cory Winters as an Assistant Track Coach for the 2014 Track Season at a stipend of \$1,304.78, and in accordance with the terms of the CEA/District Agreement, Article #27, Extra-curricular Activities/Athletics.

Non-Roll Call Vote: 7 Ayes 0 Nays 2 Absent 0 Abstentions APPROVED

- E. **MOTION** made by Ms. Santoline, seconded by Ms. Ruffing to approve Wayne Wade as Head Varsity Football Coach for the 2014/2015 season at a stipend of \$6,811.35, and in accordance with the terms of the CEA/District Agreement, Article #27, Extra-curricular Activities/Athletics.

Roll Call

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

Roll Call Vote: 7 Ayes 0 Nays 2 Absent 0 Abstentions APPROVED

F. **MOTION** made by Ms. Roberts, seconded by Ms. Ruffing to approve Jonathan Marshall as Head Girl’s Varsity Basketball Coach for the 2014/2015 season at a stipend of \$6,054.16, and in accordance with the terms of the CEA/District Agreement, Article #27, Extra-curricular Activities/Athletics.

Roll Call

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

Roll Call Vote: 7 Ayes 0 Nays 2 Absent 0 Abstentions APPROVED

G. **MOTION** made by Ms. James, seconded by Ms. Roberts to ratify the participation of the Boys’ Varsity Basketball Team (11th Grade and under) in the 1st Annual East Allegheny Undergrad Basketball Tournament at the East Allegheny High School on March 14, 15, and 16, 2014. Registration fee of \$300.00 was paid by the District.

Non-Roll Call Vote: 7 Ayes 0 Nays 2 Absent 0 Abstentions APPROVED

XI. MOTION made by Ms. Bradford seconded by Ms. Ruffing at **8:02 p.m.** to **ADJOURN.**

Respectfully submitted:

Debra Masley
Secretary to the Board