

CLAIRTON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Directors
Legislative Meeting Minutes
August 28, 2013
7:00 p.m.

I. Call to Order – Richard P. Livingston, President of the Board of School Directors, called the meeting to order at 7:08 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	Absent - Personal
Sue Wessel	Absent - Personal
Jennifer Williams	Present

Board of Directors: 7 Present 0 Absent

The Board went into Executive Session at 7:10 p.m. to discuss a personnel issue. The meeting reconvened at 7:17 p.m.

IV. Approval of the Minutes – June 26, 2013

MOTION made by Ms. Roberts, seconded by Ms. James to approve the Minutes of the June 25, 2013 meeting.

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

V. Reports

A. Administration

No Report

B. Solicitor's Report – Mr. Beisler noted that the case against U.S. Steel is progressing slowly. He reported that several other districts are having similar tax

problems with U.S. Steel and Mr. Beisler would like to speak to them about proceeding jointly and sharing expenses.

- ✚ Dr. Tricia Genari from the Consortium of Public Education reported on the CASTLE program which will begin on September 12. The YMCA will collaborate with the Consortium to establish and staff a sibling room to increase participation.
- ✚ Dr. Hunt briefly explained the effects of the summer program with regard to student achievement on the Keystone Exams.

C. Building & Grounds

Mr. Lanna informed the Board of the progress made to date on the ongoing concrete projects.

- D. Athletics** – Ms. Bradford reported that the football season will commence this Friday, the 30th of August. Also she explained the new “3 strikes, you’re out” rule for participants in all sports.

VI. Citizens Comments

Krista Barker – 400 N. 7th Street, questioned the Board on the establishment of one bus stop in Clairton for the students that attend PROPEL schools.

VII. Treasurer’s Report – June and July, 2013.

MOTION made by Ms. James, seconded by Ms. Bradford, to approve the Treasurer’s Report for the months of June and July, 2013.

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

VIII. Payment of Bills – July and August, 2013

MOTION made by Ms. Roberts, seconded by Ms. Ruffing, to approve the Payment of Bills for the months of July and August, 2013.

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

IX. Old Business

No old business

X. New Business

Mr. Livingston requested that the Board act on the submission of resignation by Ms. Virginia Deasy.

MOTION made by Mr. Harrigan, seconded by Mrs. Williams to accept, with regret, the resignation of Virginia Deasy, Special Education Director, effective September 12, 2013.

Roll Call Vote:

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

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

Administrative Agenda

Personnel Committee – Mrs. Bradford, Co-Chairperson

A. MOTION made by Ms. Ruffing, seconded by Mr. Harrigan to accept, with regret, the resignation of Dr. Wayde Killmeyer as Superintendent of the Clairton City School District effective September 12, 2013.

Roll Call

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

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

- B. **MOTION** made by Ms. Williams, seconded by Ms. James to approve Dr. Ginny Hunt as Acting Superintendent effective September 12, 2013 in accordance with the terms of the Memorandum of Understanding as submitted.

Roll Call

Sue Wessel	Absent
Jennifer Williams	Yes
Paulette Bradford	Yes
Robert Harrigan	Yes
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

ON MOTION made by Mr. Harrigan, seconded by Ms. Roberts, the Board of Directors, by non-roll call vote, approved the following items designated C. and D.

- C. The Board ratified the resignation of Jamie Devine Eberman, Title I Paraprofessional, effective July 14, 2013.
- D. The Board ratified the resignation of Peter Mathis, Physical Education Teacher, effective August 5, 2013.

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

ON MOTION made by Ms. Ruffing, seconded by Mr. Harrigan, the Board of Directors, by non-roll call vote, approved the following items designated E. through I.

- E. The Board ratified the employment of Corey Winters, K-12 Physical Education Teacher, effective August 16, 2013 at Step 1 – Bachelors in accordance with the terms of the agreement between the District and the Clairton Education Association (CEA).
- F. The Board ratified the employment of Devon Irwin, elementary art teacher, effective August 19, 2013 at Step 1 – Bachelors in accordance with the terms of the agreement between the District and the Clairton Education Association (CEA).
- G. The Board ratified the employment of Michael Linnert as the Athletic Director for the District effective July 1, 2013 in accordance with the terms of the agreement between the District and the Clairton Education Association (CEA).

H. The Board approved the employment of Kimberly Koebler as the senior class sponsor effective immediately in accordance with the terms of the agreement between the District and the Clairton Education Association (CEA).

I. The Board approved the employment of Lisa Bisogni to provide secretarial support to the athletic director for up to 5 hours per week at a stipend of \$25.00/hour effective immediately.

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

J. **MOTION** made by Mr. Livingston, seconded by Ms. Williams, to approve the individuals listed on the 2013/2014 Day-to-Day Substitute Employee List as submitted.

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

K. **MOTION** made by Mr. Livingston, seconded by Ms. Ruffing to ratify the Memorandum of Understanding with the Foster Grandparent Program of Southwestern Pennsylvania to provide volunteer “Grandparents” for the elementary school students effective May 1, 2013 through May 1, 2016.

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

L. **MOTION** made by Mr. Harrigan, seconded by Ms. James to approve Dr. Hunt, Dr. Berger, Tom McCloskey, Kristine Cant, Maria Suss and Linda Withrow 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 25 and two additional sessions will follow in March and June 2014 at cost of \$2,700.00 to be paid from District funds.

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

M. **MOTION** made by Ms. Bradford, seconded by Ms. Roberts, to approve Resolution #05-13, Adjudication of student JW as submitted.

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

Curriculum Committee – Ms. James, Chairperson

ON MOTION made by Ms. Bradford, seconded Ms. Roberts, the Board of Directors, by non-roll call vote, approved the following items designated N. through S.

N. The Board approved a first reading of the following Board Policies:

- a. Board Policy #221, Dress and Grooming
The Board is requested to revise the dress code policy to eliminate the uniform dress code and adopt an exclusionary dress code as submitted.
 - b. Board Policy # 408, Employment Contract
The Board is requested to rescind and eliminate this policy as it is the practice of the district that new employees are hired in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Clairton Education Association/Clairton City School District Agreement in effect at the time of hire.
 - c. Board Policies #415 and #515, District Liability for Family Members
The Board is requested to institute these policies to eliminate district liability for family members of both support and professional staff.
 - d. Board Policy #806, Child/Student Abuse
The Board is requested to approve the additions and deletions to the Child/Student Abuse policy to comply with recent changes in identification and reporting requirements for Child Abuse as indicated in the Pennsylvania School Code.
- O. The Board approved the purchase of a new 5-year mathematics curriculum in order to align the district curriculum with Pennsylvania Common Core Standards. Student in grades K-5 will be using consumable texts entitled Go Math , and Grade 6- 8 will be using Holt-McDougal textbooks at a cost of \$45,106.01.
- P. The Board entered 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 and Hillcrest Christian Academy at a cost of \$19,490 for (33) Clairton students to be paid from Title I Funds 2013/2014.
- Q. The Board approved an agreement between the Reading and Writing Project Network, LLC and the District to provide Professional Development and Site-Based Training to staff on October 7, 2013 at a cost of \$5,600 to be paid from Title I Funds 2012/2013.
- R. The Board approved the 2013/2014 Textbook List as submitted.
- S. The Board approved the Five-Year Comprehensive Strategic Plan for the Clairton City School District as submitted.

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

Building and Grounds Committee – Mr. Livingston, Chairperson

T. **MOTION** made by Ms. Ruffing, seconded by Ms. Williams, to approve the use of the practice field next to the gym by the members of the Unity Day Committee on September 14, 2012. The district will provide two custodians to empty trash and clean the area after the Unity Day festivities end.

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

Business Administrator’s Agenda

Business Administrator - Mr. Lanna

A. **MOTION** made by made by Mr. Livingston, seconded by Ms. Roberts , to ratify the Lease Agreement between the District and the Board of Trustees of the Protestant Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh, for the premises located at 447 Halcomb Avenue, Clairton, PA 15025, to be utilized as the District’s cyber alternative education classroom, as submitted.

Roll Call

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

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

B. **MOTION** made by Ms. Bradford, seconded by Ms. Ruffing to approve the lease between the Allegheny Intermediate Unit Head Start Program and the District for the Miller Avenue Annex for the period of July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014, as submitted.

Roll Call

Gloria James	Yes
Richard Livingston	Yes
Barbara Roberts	Yes
Gloria Ruffing	Yes

Roger Tachoir	Absent
Sue Wessel	Absent
Jennifer Williams	Yes
Paulette Bradford	Yes
Robert Harrigan	Yes

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

C. **MOTION** made by Mr. Harrigan, seconded by Ms. Williams, to approve a monthly payment of \$30 to employees, staff, and board members who elect to use their personal cell phones instead of the district phones.

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

Mr. Livingston stated that a policy needs to be adopted to address personal information stored on phones.

D. **MOTION** made by made by Mr. Harrigan, seconded by Mr. Livingston to approve the Propel student bus stop at Sixth and St. Clair Streets (Rite Aid parking lot), as the sole bus stop in the Clairton City School District for the 2013/2014 school year.

Roll Call

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

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

E. **MOTION** made by Mr. Livingston, seconded by Ms. Bradford to accept the proposal dated July 23, 2013 from ComDoc, Inc. to replace five (5) black and white Ricoh copiers, installed in 2003 (HS, MS, ES, Guidance and Special Ed offices) with new Xerox 5335 copiers at an additional cost of \$336 per month and an extension of the overall ComDoc contract by five months, from 43 months to 48 months.

Non-Roll Call Vote: 6 Ayes 1 Nay 2 Absent 0 Abstentions APPROVED
(Mr. Harrigan)

F. **MOTION** made by Ms. Ruffing, seconded by Ms. Williams to approve the following individuals as Pennsylvania Coach Lines bus drivers and monitors:

DRIVERS	DRIVERS	MONITORS
Bruce Ackerman	Richard Krausa	Lydia Baker
Raymond Begey	Robert Loera	Joann Coll
Ramone Bey	Ann Matscherz	Edward Dudley
William Black	Rick Matscherz	Grace Herriott
Sumayyah Boose	Frank Mcnamara	Maryjean Herrmann
Vincent Bracco	Richard Mullaney	Patricia Laughlin
Albert Brady	Todd Murray	Charlene Poag
Edward Braucher	Richard Oprosky	Emma Snyder
Lacye Carloss	Kim Palmer	Sandy Wampler
Cheryl Cole	Rick Reese	
April Coulter	Tabatha Rex	
Jack Coulter	Anthony Salvadore	
Melika Drake	Carl Shipers	
Brandi Egenlauf	Bebe Slinski	
Bryant Egenlauf	Rick Smail	
Michelle Fazek	Cathy Starr	
Charlemagne Fils-Aime	Brenda Taddeo	
Donald Fosbrink	Tracey Totedo	
Gary Hill	Jason Toth	
Janine Johnson	Ken Utzig	
Joshua Jones	William Wetzler	
Tania Komyanik	Paul Winwood	

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

G. **MOTION** made by Ms. Roberts, seconded by Ms. Ruffing to approve an agreement between the District and Ed Thompson for the use of the Clairton City School District name, photographs, etc. on a sports-related website. Mr. Thompson agrees to give the District 30% of his profits from advertising on this site.

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

H. **MOTION** made by Ms. Bradford, seconded by Mr. Harrigan to approve the system-wide changeover to the ProSoft System. Over time, service contracts will be discontinued with ADP, Act 48 CreditKeeper System, and any other systems that provide services offered by ProSoft.

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

From the Addendum to the Agenda:

MOTION made by Mr. Livingston, seconded by Mrs. Ruffing, to approve Ordinance 02-13 amending Ordinance 01-13 regarding the issuance of a General Obligation Note by the Clairton City School District in the amount of \$200,000.00 and directing the proper Clairton School District officials to execute all necessary documents to complete the transaction.

Roll Call

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

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

Athletic Agenda

Athletic Committee – Mrs. Bradford, Chairperson

A. **MOTION** made by Mr. Livingston, seconded by Ms. Williams, to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the Clairton Education Association to adjust the payment dates for stipends for athletic coaches effective for the 2013/2014 school year.

Non-Roll Call Vote: 7 Ayes 0 Nays 2 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 B. through E. on the Agenda, and A. on the Addendum to the Agenda.

B. The Board approved the following individuals as coaches for the Varsity Baseball Team:

Tom Nola	Head Coach
Jeffrey Thompson	Assistant Coach
Bill Bradford	Volunteer Assistant Coach

- C. The Board approved the following individuals as managers for the upcoming football season:

Jeff Kimball	Khori Fusco
Wayne Wade III	Keishawn Wright
Marco Gambino	Treshawn Howard
Jordan Hines	Anthony Rice
Cory Johnson	Deonte Reddick

- D. The Board approved Dante DeBaldo as a volunteer football coach.
- E. The Board approved Arthur Long, Jr. to act as 7th Grade Boys Basketball Coach pending receipt of clearances.

From the Addendum to the Agenda:

- A. The Board approved the following individuals as ticket takers/sellers for the upcoming school year:

Mike Henninger	Leiah Ogletree	Danette Thompson
Kevin Manko	Alexis Trubiani	Tara Fields
Lori Benack	Jawanna Warren	Lucille Herndon
Lisa Bisogni		

XI. Adjourn

MOTION made by Ms. Ruffing, seconded by Mr. Livingston at **8:05 p.m.** to **ADJOURN TO AN EXECUTIVE SESSION** to discuss personnel.

Respectfully submitted:

Debra Masley
Secretary to the Board