

CLAIRTON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Board of Directors  
Legislative Meeting Minutes  
April 24, 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 7:00 p.m.

**II. Salute to the Flag**

**III. Roll Call**

Paulette Bradford	Present
Robert Harrigan	Present
Gloria James	Absent – Running Late
Richard Livingston	Present
Barbara Roberts	Present
Gloria Ruffing	Present
Roger Tachoir	Present
Sue Wessel	Present
Jennifer Williams	Absent – Personal reasons

Board of Directors:    7 Present            2 Absent

**IV. Approval of the Minutes – March 27, 2013**

**MOTION** made by Ms. Bradford, seconded by Ms. Roberts to approve the Minutes of the March 27, 2013 meeting.

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

**V. Reports**

**A. Administration**

Presentations

- a. Two Clairton students that attend Steel Center received Extra-Effort Awards: Aubrey Sanders (2<sup>nd</sup> Nine Weeks) and Courtney McDonald (3<sup>rd</sup> Nine Weeks).

*Ms. James arrived during this presentation at 7:07 p.m.*

- b. Dennis Beard presented the robotics team and introduced our corporate sponsors, Ace Wire and Vangura Tool Company to the Board. The team achieved first place at the statewide competition at California University of Pennsylvania this past weekend, and will be participating in the national competition in Indianapolis in May.
- c. Dr. Tricia Gennari from the Consortium for Public Education spoke to the Board about the CASTLE program, and the success of the program. Dr. Gennari also informed the Board about another program that will be provided to our students in first and second grade throughout the summer by a grant through the YMCA.

**B. Solicitor's Report** – Mr. Beisler stated that there were specific issues involving property cases which he would bring to the Board during an Executive Session following the regular meeting.

**C. Building & Grounds** – Several Board Members, Dr. Killmeyer, and Mr. Lanna walked through the stadium to look at structural issues with the wall in front of the bleachers, and the conditions of the walkways and steps surrounding the stadium. The wall repair is being taken care of by FMS employees, but sidewalk repair will be put out for bid.

Dr. Killmeyer met with carpentry teachers from Steel Center to discuss the possibility of carpentry students removing and rebuilding the front porch of the District Administration Building as a part of their classwork.

**D. Athletics** – Ms. Bradford reported that after some discussion with the baseball team, the team is having a more positive and productive season.

Alexis Trubiani reported that she has been in contact with Antonio Brown, the guest speaker for the sports banquet, to get an explanation on his failure to attend.

**VI. Citizens Comments** – No Citizens Comments

**VII. Treasurer's Report – March, 2013.**

**MOTION** made by Ms. Wessel, seconded by Mr. Harrigan, to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of March, 2013.

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

### VIII. Payment of Bills – April, 2013

**MOTION** made by Ms. Wessel, seconded by Ms. Ruffing, to approve the Payment of Bills for the month of March, 2013.

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

### IX. Old Business

Mr. Livingston thanked the members of the Clairton Education Association for the gift of the Coffee Maker given to the Board for Board Appreciation Month.

After discussion, the Board was requested by Mr. Livingston to act on the following item:

**MOTION** made by Mr. Harrigan, seconded by Ms. Roberts, to approve the District's participation in the delinquent tax forgiveness and property auctioning program with the City of Clairton.

#### Roll Call

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

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

### X. New Business

Mr. Livingston requested that the Board act on the following item regarding the Robotics Team:

**MOTION** made by Ms. Ruffing, seconded by Ms. Roberts to approve the Robotics Team to travel to, and participate in, the national robotics competition in Indianapolis, IN May 17 through May 20, 2013. A \$2,000.00 prize was awarded to our team at the State Finals that will be used toward the cost of the trip. Several fundraisers have been

planned. It is requested that the district pay the difference between the \$2,000.00 prize and fundraisers, and the actual cost of the trip.

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

### **Administrative Agenda**

#### **Personnel Committee – Mrs. Bradford, Co-Chairperson**

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

- A. The Board ratified the placement of Tiffany Spagnola, student teacher from California University, with Erin Ferguson for the remainder of her second semester.
- B. The Board ratified Kristin Sirbaugh, Special Education Teacher, to act as a Homebound Tutor through the end of the 2012/2013 school year at a rate of \$25.00 per hour.
- C. The Board ratified the Day-to-Day Substitute Teachers and Paraprofessionals list as submitted.
- D. The Board approved Stacie Conley and Jennifer Schlata to attend the “Y of USA Regional Training for Prevention of Summer Learning Achievement Loss” in Chicago, IL to be held May 2-3, 2013. *(All expenses are to be paid from Title I Funds.)*
- E. The Board approved Danette Thompson, Elementary Secretary, to take FMLA when necessary for ongoing issues throughout the remainder of the school year.

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

- F. **MOTION** made by Ms. Wessel, seconded by Ms. Ruffing, to approve the renewal of the contract with Crossroads Speech & Hearing, Inc. for the 2013/2014 school year for full-time speech language pathology services at a cost of \$59,500.00. (This fee has remained unchanged.)

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

- G. **MOTION** made by Ms. Wessel, seconded by Mr. Harrigan, to direct all 12-month employees to maintain regular working hours during the summer months.

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

Curriculum Committee –Ms. James, Chairperson

**ON MOTION** made by Ms. Roberts, seconded by Mr. Tachoir, the Board of Directors, by non-roll call vote, approved the following items designated H., I., and J.

- H. The Board accepted Resolution #03-13, Resolution Expelling Student EF from the Clairton City School District, as submitted.
- I. The Board approved the 2013/2014 Program of Studies as submitted.
- J. The Board approved Resolution #04-13, Identifying and Authorizing an Individual to Sign Electronic Agreements between the District and PDE, naming Dr. Wayne Killmeyer as the Signer.

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

Building & Grounds Committee –Mr. Livingston, Chairperson

**ON MOTION** made by Ms. Bradford, seconded by Ms. Roberts, the Board of Directors, by non-roll call vote, approved the following items designated K. and L.

- K. The Board ratified the use of the CEC Gymnasium by “Pittsburgh Legacy,” a group of coaches and kids from Thomas Jefferson and Clairton, to practice and play basketball on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Use of the gymnasium commenced on Tuesday, April 16, 2013 and will continue through June 5, 2013.
- L. The Board approved the use of the CEC Auditorium by the *Dr. Edna M. Brown Memorial Scholarship Committee* on Friday, May 31, 2013 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Fees for this event will be waived.

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

**Business Administrator's Agenda**

**Business Administrator - Mr. Lanna**

- A. **MOTION** made by Mr. Harrigan, seconded by Ms. Wessel, to approve the food service management budget with Nutrition, Inc., effective July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014, reflecting a Net Loss of \$34,849.32 for the 2013-14 school year compared to a Net Loss of \$15,413 for the 2012-13 school year and a guarantee from Nutrition, Inc. up to its' Management Fee of \$23,777, to absorb a loss in excess of the budgeted \$34,849.32.

**Roll Call**

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

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

- B. **MOTION** made by Mr. Livingston, seconded by Mrs. Ruffing to direct the Business Administrator to obtain proposals for the issuance of a Tax and Revenue Anticipation Note to be closed in July 2013 in an amount to be determined.

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

- C. **MOTION** made by Mr. Tachoir, seconded by Mrs. James **TO TABLE** the approval of the lease between the Allegheny Intermediate Unit Head Start Program and the District for the Miller Avenue Annex for the period of July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013, as submitted.

*Question:* Mr. Harrigan asked for the rationale on ratification of an agreement that will expire in two months. Additionally, clarification was requested on property maintenance responsibilities.

**Non-Roll Call Vote: 8 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent 0 Abstentions TABLED**

D. **MOTION** made by Ms. James, seconded by Ms. Ruffing **TO TABLE** a three-year contract with Mincin Landscaping and Tree Service for the District's grass mowing and bush trimming, at a cost of \$10,630.00 per year for 2012, 2013, and 2014.

*Question:* Mr. Livingston asked the solicitor if ratifying a three-year contract was the best way to correct the error of signing the contract that was submitted for a period of three years when the Board approved a one-year contract.

**Non-Roll Call Vote: 8 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent 0 Abstentions TABLED**

### **Athletic Agenda**

Athletic Committee – Mr. Livingston, Committee Member

No Athletic Agenda

### **XI. Adjourn**

**MOTION** made by Ms. Ruffing, seconded by Mr. Harrigan at **8:20 p.m.** to **ADJOURN** to an Executive Session regarding property issues and personnel, followed by a Budget Meeting.

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

Respectfully submitted:

Debra Masley  
Secretary to the Board