

**CLAIRTON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Board of Directors Legislative Meeting**  
**MINUTES**  
**January 25, 2012**  
**7:00 p.m.**

**I. Call to Order – Richard P. Livingston, President of the Board of School Directors, called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.**

**II. Salute to the Flag**

**III. Roll Call**

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

Board of Directors:            9 Present            0 Absent

**IV. Approval of the Minutes – November 22, 2011 Legislative Meeting and Reorganization and Special Meeting Minutes, December 8, 2011.**

**MOTION** made by Mrs. Wessel, seconded by Mr. Harrigan to approve the Minutes of the November 22, 2011 Legislative Meeting and Reorganization and Special Meeting Minutes, December 8, 2011.

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

**V. Reports**

**A. Administration – Presentations**

- 1) Mr. Tachoir presented a certificate to honor Charles Shrou, a Clairton Student who attends Steel Center Vocational/Technical School, as the recipient of the “Top of the Shop” Award for his accomplishments and excellent academic record at Steel Center.

- 2) Mr. Livingston and the Board honored Jaquilda Gaynor for her overall excellence and longevity as the Director of Food Services at Clairton for 20+ years.
- 3) Dr. Killmeyer and Alexis Barna both shared their testimonials and thanks to the Board of Directors for their dedication and commitment to the Students of the District.
- 4) The 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students presented a skit in honor of Board Recognition Month.
- 5) Coach Tom Nola presented the 2011 Season Trophy received by the Clairton Bears for their third consecutive State Championship.

**B. Solicitor's Report**

Mr. Beisler distributed Resolution #01-12, Board Opposition to Tuition Vouchers. This Resolution directs the Board President to alert our state legislators to oppose voucher legislation.

**MOTION** made by Mr. Harrigan, seconded by Mrs. Bradford to approve Resolution #01-12, Board Opposition to Tuition Vouchers.

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

**C. Building & Grounds – No report**

**D. Athletics**

- 1) Mrs. Bradford announced that the Grades 3-6 Basketball League will begin on February 4th and continue every Saturday for 10 weeks.
- 2) The Football Banquet to honor the 2011 Clairton Bears will be held on Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at the Ascension Auditorium. The cost will be \$25.00 per ticket.

**E. Student Representative** – Although the student representative was not present, her report was delivered to the Board as an attachment to the Agenda.

**VI. Citizens Comments**

Mr. Sean Thomas, 673 Reed Street, Clairton, PA addressed the Board regarding several rumors and questions:

- 1) Whether the school is in imminent danger of closing;

- 2) the initiatives being implemented by the district to raise test scores; and
- 3) if the district is actively pursuing grant money.

#### **VII. Treasurer's Report – November and December, 2011**

**MOTION** made by Mrs. Bradford, seconded by Mrs. Ruffing to accept the Treasurer's Report for the month of November and December, 2011.

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

#### **VIII. Payment of Bills – December, 2011 and January, 2012**

**MOTION** made by Mrs. Wessel, seconded by Mrs. James to approve the Payment of Bills for the months of December, 2011 and January, 2012.

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

#### **IX. Old Business**

Mr. Lanna addressed the Board on the proper manner to fill out the 2011 Ethics Forms required by the State.

#### **X. New Business**

*An addendum was handed out to the Board prior to the beginning of the meeting. The Board was asked to act upon two motions listed on the Agenda Addendum.*

**MOTION** made by Mrs. Bradford, seconded by Mrs. Wessel to accept, with regret, the retirement of Michael O'Toole, Physical Education Teacher, effective June 30, 2012.

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

**MOTION** made by Mrs. James and Mrs. Roberts to approve the Clairton Bears Varsity Baseball Team and their coaches to attend spring baseball training in South Carolina on Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup> through Monday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>. This approval is contingent upon the team's departure for camp after senior team members participate in and complete their necessary course work for the senior projects. Additionally, the coaches agree to fundraise in order to finance this training trip and no cost will be incurred by the district. (Pending receipt of outstanding clearances from two coaches.)

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

*Note: The Board was informed of two upcoming field trips by the Robotics Club to work on their robot for the upcoming Bots IQ competition.*

**Administrative Agenda**

Personnel Committee – Mrs. Bradford, Co-Chairperson

**ON MOTION** made by Mr. Harrigan, seconded by Mr. Tachoir, the Board of Directors, by roll call vote, approved the following items designated A. through I.

- A. The Board accepted the resignation of Robin Clark, in accordance with the terms of the separation agreement effective January 25, 2012.
- B. The Board accepted, with regret, the retirement of Ruth Benjamin-Smith, Social Studies Teacher, effective June 30, 2012.
- C. The Board ratified Laurie Garry, a University of Phoenix student, to act as a student teacher in Grade 4 with Kevin Manko as cooperating teacher beginning January 23, 2012 through May 4, 2012.
- D. The Board approved Michael Henninger and Patti Detwiler as SAT Prep teachers after school during the second semester. Costs will be paid by the CAPS grant from PHEAA.
- E. The Board ratified the recall/reinstatement of the following paraprofessionals that were furloughed at the end of the 2010-2011 school year:

<u>Paraprofessional</u>	<u>Date Reinstated</u>
Monique Semian	10/10/2011
Janice Hinkle	10/19/2011
Sh’ron Sloan	12/1/2011

- F. The Board ratified the updates and additions to the Day-To-Day Substitute List, as submitted.
- G. The Board endorsed the candidacy of Roger Tachoir, Board Member, for a position on the Board of Directors of the Allegheny Intermediate Unit.
- H. The Board endorsed the candidacy of Roger Tachoir, Board Member, for the position of Trustee of the Allegheny County Schools Health Insurance Consortium for the Southeastern Region for a two-year period effective March 29, 2012.
- I. The Board approved hiring of tutors for 2012 After-School and Summer School Tutoring Programs with funding provided from the Heinz Endowment Grant, if awarded.

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

**MOTION** made by Mrs. Wessel, seconded by Mrs. Ruffing **TO TABLE** the following item on the Agenda:

- J. Board action is requested to approve the Agreement between the District and the Paraprofessional staff retroactive to August 1, 2011 through June 30, 2016.

Roll Call Vote: 9 Ayes 0 Nays 0 Absent 0 Abstentions **MOTION TABLED**

K. **MOTION** made by Mrs. Roberts, seconded by Ms. Williams to approve Dr. Elisabeth Ehrlich to attend the PAFPC Annual Conference at the Hershey Resort in Hershey, PA to be held March 25 – 28, 2012. Expenses are to be paid from Title I Funds.

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

Curriculum Committee – Mrs. James, Chairperson

**ON MOTION** made by Mrs. Ruffing, seconded by Mrs. Roberts, the Board of Directors, by roll call vote, approved the following items designated L. through Q.

- L. The Board approved attendance by parents at the Title I “Winter Wonders” Parent Workshop to be held on March 7, 2012 at the Georgetown Centre at a cost of \$25.00 per participant, and a \$200.00 guest speaker fee. All costs will be paid from Title I Funds.
- M. The Board ratified the contract between Teen Zone TV/ Alfonso Washington, and the District for the production of a TV Show Videotape Program regarding bullying and dating violence that took place January 10, 2012. The Project cost of \$2,200 was paid from Title I Funds.
- N. The Board approved the first reading of District Policy #007, Distribution, as submitted.
- O. The Board approved the first reading of District Policy #009, Cell Phone Usage, as amended and submitted.
- P. The Board approved the first reading of District Policy #227.1, Drug Testing, as submitted.
- Q. The Board approved the first reading of District Policy #405, Employment of Substitute Professional Employees, as submitted.

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

**Business Administrator's Agenda**

Business Administrator - Mr. Lanna

**ON MOTION** made by Mrs. Bradford, seconded by Mr. Harrigan, the Board of Directors, by roll call vote, approved the following items designated A. through C.

- A. The Board approved Charles Lanna to attend PASBO's course, "Commonwealth Budget Seminar", on February 23, 2012 in Mars, PA at a cost of \$75.00 plus mileage paid from District funds.
- B. The Board approved soliciting Requests for Proposals (RFP's) for sealed bids for New Debt or Refinancing of Debt.
- C. The Board approved soliciting Requests for Proposals (RFP's) for sealed bids for building maintenance services.

*Question: Mr. Livingston requested that in his capacity as Chairman of Building & Grounds, Mr. Harrigan add to the list of building maintenance services being bid upon.*

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

**Athletic Agenda**

Athletic Committee – Mrs. Bradford, Chairperson

**ON MOTION** made by Mrs. James, seconded by Mrs. Roberts, the Board of Directors, by roll call vote, approved the following items designated A. through C.

- A. The Board approved Cassidy Yeager as Head Track Coach for the 2012 Track Season effective immediately.
- B. The Board ratified Robert Nystrom, Jr. (pending receipt of clearances) as Varsity Basketball Timekeeper and Scoreboard Operator for the remainder of the 2012 season.
- C. The Board approved Robert Nystrom, Jr. (pending receipt of clearances) and Ted Ulmer as volunteer baseball coaches for the 2012 baseball season.

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

D. **MOTION** made by Mr. Harrigan, seconded by Mrs. Ruffing to approve the donation of items of Clairton Bears historical sports memorabilia to the Heinz History Center for a permanent exhibit in the Museum.

Roll Call Vote:

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

*Question: Mr. Tachoir requested that the Allegheny Intermediate Unit be notified when the official opening of the exhibit will take place.*

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

**XI. Adjournment**

**MOTION** made by Mr. Harrigan, seconded by Mrs. Ruffing at **7:47 p.m.** to adjourn to an Executive Session to discuss personnel issues.

Respectfully submitted:

Debra Masley  
Secretary to the Board