

CLAIRTON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Directors
Legislative Meeting Minutes
August 24, 2022
7:30 p.m.

I. Call to Order – Roger Tachoir, President of the Board of School Directors, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Rikell Ford	Present
Felix Fusco	Present
Richard Livingston	Present
Artrena McKenzie	Present
Barbara Roberts	Present
Kathy Santoline	Absent
Roger Tachoir	Present
Charles Wade	<i>(Passed Away 08/14/22)</i>
Jawanna Warren	Absent <i>(Personal)</i>

Board of Directors: 7 Present 2 Absent

III. Salute to the Flag

At this time Mr. Tachoir asked for a moment of silence due to the passing of Board member Rev. Charles Wade

IV. Approval of the Minutes – Legislative Meeting June 29, 2022

MOTION made by Ms. Roberts, seconded by Ms. Santoline, to approve the Minutes of the Legislative Meeting June 29, 2022.

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

Mr. Tachoir noted the Board met in Executive Session during the Work Session on August 16, 2022 to review and discuss District business.

V. Presentation –

Ms. Shannon Lynch presented an overview of the Quest for Life program on behalf of the Will Allen Foundation. Freshman Academy summer school students were presented to the Board by Ms. Maria Suss, MS Principal for recognition of their completion of the program through the Will Allen Foundation.

VI. Reports:

A. Administration – Dr. Allen-Thomas reported the first day of school was great and that everyone came together with the focus being on Academics, Attendance and Attitude.

B. Solicitor's Report – No Report

C. Board Committees:

- a) **Personnel** – No Report
- b) **Finance** – Met 08/16/22
- c) **Curriculum/Technology** – No Report
- d) **Building & Grounds** – No Report
- e) **Athletics** – Met 08/15/22
- f) **Recreation** – No Report
- g) **Library** – Met 08/24/22
- h) **Land Bank** – Met 07/14/22
- i) **Steel Center** - No Report

VII. Citizens Comments – Ms. Cynthia Long, 744 Horton Street, Clairton, PA requested to speak to the Board on the topic: "Bad News Bears Celebration". Ms. Long presented the possibility of recognizing Alumni during Pre-Game of the September 2, 2022 Football Game.

Discussion on topic ensued by the Board, concluding in agreement the Alumni will be honored by name and class announcement during Pre-Game. Details to be worked out with Mr. Fusco.

VIII. Treasurer's Report – June 2022 / July 2022

MOTION made by Ms. Ford, seconded by Mr. Livingston, to approve the Treasurer's Report for the months of June 2022/ July 2022.

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

IX. Payment of Bills – July 2022 / August 2022

MOTION made by Ms. Roberts, seconded by Ms. McKenzie, to approve the Payment of Bills for the months of July 2022 August 2022.

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

X. Old Business – Discussion items with no Board action

- A. Membership and participation regarding Leadership Pittsburgh Inc.
- B. Bussing situation and parent concerns to be investigated by Dr. Allen-Thomas

XI. New Business – None

Administrative Agenda

Personnel Committee – Ms. Ford, Chairperson

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

- A. Board accepted the resignation of Bryce Potts, 180-Day Substitute Teacher - Secondary, effective July 18, 2022.
- B. Board accepted the resignation of Tracy Tatar, Elementary Special Education Life Skills Teacher, effective date not to exceed sixty (60) days beyond written resignation, as per PA School Code.
- C. Board accepted the resignation of Kimberly Gawlas, Paraprofessional, effective August 10, 2022.
- D. Board accepted the resignation of Grace Gartman, Secondary Social Studies Teacher, effective August 11, 2022.
- E. Board accepted the resignation of Brittany Marnell, Elementary, Third Grade Teacher, effective August 12, 2022.
- F. Board accepted the resignation of Jaclyn Wilson, Super-Substitute effective August 15, 2022.

- G. Board accepted the resignation of Lisa Maricic, Confidential Secretary for Federal Programs, Curriculum, Professional Development and Human Resources, effective September 1, 2022.
- H. Board ratified the employment of Paige Moody, as Honeybear Sponsor for the 2022/2023 school year in accordance with the terms and conditions of the agreement between the District and Clairton Education Association (CEA), effective August 5, 2022.
- I. Board ratified the employment of Taylor Scurci, as Elementary Health and Physical Education Teacher for the 2022/2023 school year at Step-1 Masters+30, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the agreement between the District and Clairton Education Association (CEA), effective August 8, 2022.

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

- J. **MOTION** made by Mr. Fusco, seconded by Ms. Roberts to approve the employment of Tamara Allen-Thomas to be the District Superintendent of Schools for a term of four (4) years and ten (10) months commencing September 1, 2022 at a salary of \$145,000, and approve the terms and conditions of the contract between Tamara-Allen Thomas and the Clairton City School District, as submitted.

Roll Call:

Rikell Ford	Yes
Felix Fusco	Yes
Richard Livingston	Yes
Artrena McKenzie	Yes
Barbara Roberts	Yes
Kathy Santoline	Yes
Roger Tachoir	Yes
Jawanna Warren	Absent

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

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

- K. Board approved the following individuals as Title I Paraprofessionals for the 2022/2023 school year to be paid by Title I funds:

Richard Barna	Angela Recaldini
Taylor Dreher	Denise Thomas
Michael Policastro	Elizabeth Tusing

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- L. Board approved the Day-To-Day Substitute Teacher, Nurse, Dean of Discipline and Secretary List for 2022/2023 school year, as submitted.
- M. Board approved the award of tenure to Jillian Monti, who has achieved three consecutive satisfactory years of service with the District, effective August 12, 2022.
- N. Board approved the award of tenure to Maria Miller, who has achieved three consecutive satisfactory years of service with the District, effective August 12, 2022.

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

Curriculum Committee – Ms. Roberts, Chairperson

ON MOTION made by Ms. McKenzie, seconded by Ms. Ford, the Board of Directors, by non-roll call vote, approved the following items designated O. through Bb.

- O. Board approved the 2022/2023 Textbook Inventory List, as submitted.
- P. Board approved Resolution #05-22 identifying and authorizing Dr. Tamara Allen-Thomas to execute documents electronically on behalf of the Clairton City School District, as submitted.
- Q. Board approved the first reading of Policy #218 – Student Discipline mandated policy, as submitted.
- R. Board approved the first reading of Policy #220 – Student Expression/Dissemination of Materials and Attachment, as recommended for legal liability purposes, as submitted.
- S. Board approved the first reading of Policy #227 – Controlled Substances/Paraphernalia, as recommended for legal liability purposes, as submitted.
- T. Board approved the first reading of Policy #237 – Electronic Devices, as recommended for legal liability purposes, as submitted.
- U. Board approved the first reading of Policy #913 – Non-School Organizations/Groups/Individuals, as recommended for legal liability purposes, as submitted.
- V. Board approved the updated Health and Safety Plan for Clairton City School District for 2022/2023 school year due to the ongoing pandemic, as required by PDE under Section 520.1 of the School Code, as submitted.
- W. Board approved the Clairton City School District Elementary School ATSI Title I School Plan for 2022/2023 school year, as submitted.

- X. Board approved the Clairton City School District MS/HS ATSI Title I School Plan for 2022/2023 school year, as submitted.
- Y. Board approved the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the Clairton City School District and the Clairton Education Association (CEA) to add the extracurricular activity National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) for the life of the contract, as submitted.
- Z. Board approved the Memorandum of Understanding by and between WQED Multimedia and Clairton City School District concerning the WQED/Clairton Elementary School partnership to create continuous bridges between proven PBS content focused on STEM Literacy and technology skills to be delivered by educators and staff for the 2022/2023 school year, as submitted.
- Aa. Board approved participation in Tickets for Kids program for the 2022/2023 school year, as submitted.
- Bb. Board approved participation in the University of Pittsburgh Healing Rivers Project and Developing Relational, Emotional, and Adaptive Mood Skills (DREAMS) program to provide trauma informed learning environment and directly serve students with more intensive trauma-related needs, as submitted.

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

Business Administrator's Agenda

Finance Committee – Mr. Fusco, Chairperson

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

- A. Board authorized the application for Physical School Safety and Security Grant, grant ID 37971 in the amount of \$114,362.
- B. Board authorized the application for School Mental Health Grant, grant ID 37971, in the amount of \$114,362.
- C. Board ratified the appointment of Danette Thompson to the vacant position of Title I Parent and Family Engagement Coordinator with an annual stipend of \$5,000, effective July 1, 2022.

- D. Board approved to accept bid for installation of VCT in 21 classrooms and 1 large room in the Administration Building, submitted by Emmocon Corporation in the amount of \$168,000.
- E. Board approved to accept bid option 1 for installation of VCT in 21 classrooms and 1 large room in the Administration Building, submitted by Emmocon Corporation in the amount of \$23,600.
- F. Board authorized the Business Administrator to solicit and RFP for Civil and Geotechnical Services for the Clairton Football Stadium Improvements Project.

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

- G. **MOTION** made by Ms. Roberts, seconded by Ms. Santoline to adopt the Joint Board Resolution approving a lease agreement between the Steel Valley Area School Authority, Steel Center for Career and Technical Education Joint Board, and each of Steel Center’s participating school districts for the purpose of facilities improvements.

Roll Call:

Barbara Roberts	Yes
Kathy Santoline	Yes
Roger Tachoir	Yes
Jawanna Warren	Absent
Rikell Ford	Yes
Felix Fusco	Yes
Richard Livingston	Yes
Artrena McKenzie	Yes

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

- H. **MOTION** made by Ms. Santoline, seconded by Ms. Roberts to adopt Resolution #05-22 approving a lease agreement between the Steel Valley Area School Authority, Steel Center for Career and Technical Education Joint Board, and each of Steel Center’s participating school districts for the authorizing the appropriate action in connection with a capital project, including payments to be made in connection with the Lease and other actions to be taken in respect of the bond financing.

Roll Call:

Kathy Santoline	Yes
Roger Tachoir	Yes
Jawanna Warren	Absent
Rikell Ford	Yes
Felix Fusco	Yes

Richard Livingston	Yes
Artrena McKenzie	Yes
Barbara Roberts	Yes

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

- I. **MOTION** made by Mr. Tachoir, seconded by Mr. Livingston to approve the appointment of Barbara Roberts to the Steel Valley Area School Authority Board pursuant to the attached Resolution to be adopted by Steel Valley School District reviving the Steel Valley Areas School Authority, of which this School District is a member.

Roll Call:

Kathy Santoline	Yes
Roger Tachoir	Yes
Jawanna Warren	Absent
Rikell Ford	Yes
Felix Fusco	Yes
Richard Livingston	Yes
Artrena McKenzie	Yes
Barbara Roberts	Yes

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

ON MOTION made by Ms. Ford, seconded by Ms. McKenzie, the Board of Directors, by non-roll call vote, approved the following items designated J. through L.

- J. Board approved an annually renewable Contract of Services with Pennsylvania Educators' Clearinghouse (PA-Educator.net) and Clairton City School District to accept online applications for employment by professional and non-certified employees for the period beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30 of any calendar year a fee in the amount of \$1,300.00 per school year, as submitted.
- K. Board authorized the Business Administrator to solicit bids for band uniforms.
- L. Board approved the following individuals as Sun Coach Lines and ETS bus/van drivers and monitors for the 2022/2023 school year:

Sun Coach:

DRIVERS

Kevin Armstrong
Ramone Bey
Alina Bivins
Lawrence Cupps

DRIVERS

Victor Rubero
Mark Rymarowicz
Eric Salmons
Patrick Singer

MONITORS

Kathy Nolder
Tiana Simmons
Emma Snyder

Michelle Fazek
Barbara Garland
Michael Koroly
Leah Micklo
Victoria Mirena
Diane Raine

Richard Smail
Tammy Snipes
Jeffery Snyder
Nicole Vantine
Joel Whiteko

ETS Transportation:

DRIVERS

Brian Estocin
Carly Estocin
Charles Gross
Kasey Jessell
David Hudley
James Korff
Robert Korff
Zane Laney

DRIVERS

James Murray
William Murray
Richard Seigfreid
Leslie Stoner
Ryan Tedder
Christopher Thomas
Christian Turley
William Wetzler

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

Athletic Agenda

Athletic Committee – Mr. Tachoir, Chairperson

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

- A. Board ratified the resignation of Lori Benack as Ticket Taker effective August 4, 2022.
- B. Board ratified the resignation of Kevin Manko as Ticket Taker effective August 4, 2022.
- C. Board ratified the resignation of Alexis Trubiani as Ticket Taker effective August 17, 2022.

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

D. **MOTION** made by Ms. Santoline, seconded by Mr. Livingston to ratify Alexis Trubiani as Athletic Director for the 2022/2023 school year, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the agreement between the District and Clairton Education Association (CEA), effective August 9, 2022.

Roll Call:

Jawanna Warren	Absent
Rikell Ford	Yes
Felix Fusco	Yes
Richard Livingston	Yes
Artrena McKenzie	Yes
Barbara Roberts	Yes
Kathy Santoline	Yes
Roger Tachoir	Yes

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

XII. MOTION made by Ms. Roberts, seconded by Mr. Livingston, at 8:41 p.m. to ADJOURN.

Respectfully submitted:

Gayle S. Colonna
Secretary to the Board